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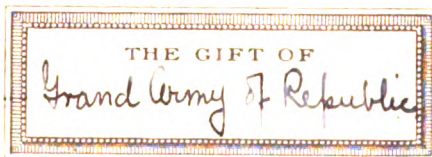
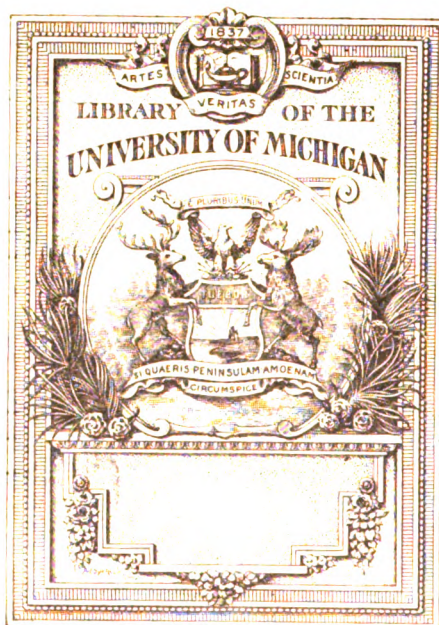
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Department Commander.

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CHAS. G. BURTON	- - - - -	Commander-in-Chief
WM. JIBB	- - - - -	Department Commander

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
LANSING, JUNE 24, 1908.

HON. FRED M. WARNER, Governor of the State of Michigan:

Sir—I have the honor, in compliance with law, to transmit to you such portions of the transactions of the Grand Army of the Republic as have taken place in this Department during my administration as its Commander from June 12, 1907, to June 18, 1908, as I deem of interest to that organization and the people of the State of Michigan.

Respectfully yours in F. C. and L.,

WILLIAM JIBB,
Department Commander.

ROLL OF THE THIRTIETH ENCAMPMENT

(Comrades whose names are preceded by an asterisk, thus (*) were present.)

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

*William Jibb, Adrian	Department Commander.
Edward B. Nugent, Bay City	Senior Vice-Department Commander.
*Henry Spaulding, Hartford	Junior Vice-Department Commander.
*William Putnam, Lansing	Department Chaplain.
W. W. Root, Mason	Medical Director.

OFFICIAL STAFF.

*Fayette Wyckoff	Assistant Adjutant General.
*George R. Cochran	Assistant Quartermaster General.
*W. W. Cook	Inspector.
*James Van Kleeck	Judge Advocate.
John R. Bennett	Chief Mustering Officer.
*Fred J. Buck	Patriotic Instructor.
*Isaac Grant	Chief of Staff.
*W. W. Whitney	Senior Aide-de-Camp.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

*M. D. Richardson	Lake City.
*George Raab	Flint.
*S. H. Mallory	Lake Odessa.
*J. J. Drake	St. Joseph.
E. T. Carrington	Bay City.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

*C. V. R. Pond, Lansing.	James H. Kidd, Ionia.
Byron R. Pierce, Grand Rapids.	*Louis Kanitz, Muskegon.
*Oscar A. Janes, Detroit.	S. B. Daboll, St. Johns.
Rush J. Shank, Lansing.	*Russel R. Pealer, Three Rivers.
*John Northwood, New Lathrop.	*Ethel M. Allen, Portland.
Washington Gardner, Albion.	*James Van Kleeck, Bay City.
Michael Brown, Big Rapids.	*Edward C. Anthony, Negaunee.
Henry M. Duffield, Detroit.	*D. B. K. Van Raalte, Holland.
*Henry S. Dean, Ann Arbor.	*E. C. Cannon, Evart.
*Jos. B. Griswold, Grand Rapids.	

THIRTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

JOHN A. LOGAN POST NO. 1, SOLDIERS' HOME.

Chartered December 9, 1887.

Membership 58.

Delegate.

*Paul Dubie.

*Commander, Roda O'Mara.

Alternate.

D. D. Brown.

Past Commanders.

W. W. Fowle.

John Heeny.

*O. W. Hodges.

James Wood.

C. O. LOOMIS POST NO. 2, QUINCY.

Chartered January 22, 1876.

Membership 56.

Delegate.

C. W. Owens.

Commander, A. J. Warner.

Alternate.

Chas. W. Lake.

Past Commanders.

Wm. G. Whitney.

A. J. Warner.

E. T. Hoyt.

O. D. Curtis.

K. B. Etheridge.

L. D. Reynolds.

*C. V. R. Pond.

E. C. Chase.

A. F. Turpening.

D. H. Wood.

Wm. H. Thurber.

Wm. Wimer.

N. H. FERRY POST NO. 3, WHITEHALL.

Chartered May 27, 1877.

Membership 34.

Delegate.

*Eli M. Ruggles.

Commander, Francis C. Hiscutt.

Alternate.

Robert Nesbit.

Past Commanders.

John C. Deane.

James Dellabaugh.

Frederick Norman.

Geo. J. Moog.

Allen F. Casselman.

Dallis Johnson.

Girard A. Whitbeck.

PHIL SHERIDAN POST NO. 4, READING.

Chartered June 12, 1878.

Membership 20.

Delegate.

R. D. Lane.

Commander, H. H. Weaver.

Alternate.

Gabriel See.

Past Commanders.

Zeladee Culver.

CUSTER POST NO. 5, GRAND RAPIDS.

Chartered September 27, 1878.

Membership 170.

Delegates.

*Francis La Lone.

*Commander, Allen C. Adsit.

Alternates.

*Thos. Dixon.

*E. J. Horton.

E. M. Raymond.

J. Barrett.

F. O. Day.

H. F. McCormick.

Past Commanders.

Byron R. Pierce.

J. W. McCrath.

*Wm. D. Frost.

John Schmidt.

Chas. P. Coffin.

E. H. Cummings.

*Jos. O. Bellaire.

G. B. Schwab.

W. B. Bostock.

Solon W. Baxter.

C. W. Depple.

Theo. C. Putnam.

G. H. Chappel.

Jas. R. Stephenson.

W. A. Clark.

Chas. S. Smith.

Edward Racine.

L. C. Read.

J. A. S. Verdier.

Thos. Peacock.

*Jos. B. Griswold.

*G. H. Sherman.

*E. P. Everett.

E. B. Taylor.

C. J. DICKERSON POST NO. 6, HILLSDALE.

Chartered February 26, 1879.

Membership 55.

Delegate.

Jas. O'Neil.

Commander, Nelson R. Masters.

Alternate.

*L. B. Wolcott.

Past Commanders.

F. K. Proctor.
 Geo. E. Porter.
 D. F. Austin.
 J. M. Fink.
 W. M. Taylor.
 Nathan J. Randall.
 W. H. Tallman.

C. H. Fairbanks.
 *O. Hancock.
 Mark W. Taylor.
 O. C. Nash.
 A. S. Thomas.
 A. Riker.

PHIL KEARNEY POST NO. 7, MUSKEGON.

Chartered July 31, 1879.

Membership 108.

Delegates.

*Chas. P. Rose.

*James I. Mather.

Commander, *Louis Kanitz.

Alternates.

J. E. Hughes.

Dennis McComber.

Past Commanders.

William R. Jones.
 John Sturgeon.
 Wm. Reynolds.
 William H. Wiselugel.
 Chas. B. Mann.
 James Dean.
 S. A. Aldrich.
 Chas. Miller.

John R. Bennett.
 Howard C. Bond.
 Henry G. Bigelow.
 Louis Kanitz.
 John W. Eddy.
 John G. Allport.
 E. P. Watson.
 August Flint.

CHAS. H. TOWNE POST NO. 8, ISHPEMING.

Chartered September 17, 1889.

Membership 20.

Delegate.

Thos. D. Nelson.

Commander, John Scott.

Alternate.

James O'Brien.

Past Commanders.

O. B. Robinson.

Francis V. Sauer.

JOHN A. DIX POST NO. 9, HESPERIA.

Chartered September 12, 1879.

Membership 36.

Delegate.

Harman Smith.

Commander, W. J. Bulson.

Alternate.

A. L. Cobb.

Past Commanders.

Chas. Robbins.
 John B. Smith.
 A. H. Deitz.
 Wm. Gilbert.
 Chas. Wilber.

W. H. Potter.
 C. R. Reynolds.
 John Hamblin.
 Lou Mullican.
 H. E. Waterman.

WILLIAM BELL POST NO. 10, DUNDEE.

Chartered October 16, 1879.

Membership 64.

Delegate.

*A. T. Hecock.

Commander, Francis H. Miller.

Alternate.

Wm. H. Rankin.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Past Commanders.

*D. C. Spears.	Joseph Hilton.
*R. B. Davis.	M. V. Fox.
*Wm. Laflin.	Geo. W. Jackson.
N. Carney.	*H. C. Spaulding.
*Geo. W. Hurd.	N. Newell.
Horace Pulver.	

ROBERT'S POST NO. 11, BANCROFT.

Chartered March 16, 1880.

Membership 18.

Delegate.

C. Cole.

Commander, R. Gorton.

Alternate.

G. Pearsall.

Past Commanders.

W. W. Hunt.	H. P. Wimble.
H. H. Williams.	C. Cole.
G. Parks.	

RYDER POST NO. 12, DEERFIELD.

Chartered April 9, 1880.

Membership 28.

Delegate.

Byron Stansbury.

*Commander, E. E. Burnham.

*Alternate.***I. B. RICHARDSON POST NO. 13, HARBOR SPRINGS.**

Chartered May 11, 1880.

Membership 33.

Delegate.

George W. Dickerson.

Commander, Chas. Tanner.

Alternate.

Fred F. Main.

Past Commanders.

Charles E. Judd.	Eri D. Babcock.
Geo. W. Dickinson.	Chas. C. Newkirk.
Stephen Manchester.	Lorenzo A. Clark.
Geo. O. Richardson.	Jos. N. Bradley.
Wm. H. Lee.	Horace Eastman.
Fred F. Main.	

GEO. H. THOMAS POST NO. 14, BENTON HARBOR.

Chartered May 24, 1880.

Membership 87.

Delegates.

Geo. N. Price.

J. W. Norington.

Commander, A. H. Rowe.

Alternates.

W. Collins.

H. Thompson.

Past Commanders.

L. M. Ward.	W. F. Kimball.
L. Hemingway.	John Clark.
Henry Skelley.	M. J. Vincent.
Chas. A. Warner.	A. A. Covell.
John Seel.	L. B. Kimball.
A. H. Rowe.	

PAP WILLIAMS POST NO. 15, LUDINGTON.

Chartered May 26, 1880.

Membership 48.

Delegate.

Wm. G. Hudson.

Commander, Robt. B. Patterson.

Alternate.

F. Kinney.

Past Commanders.

Wm. G. Hudson.	Chas. Olson.
H. C. Ransom.	A. C. Hawley.
J. E. Smith.	G. M. Chase.
J. Shackelton.	S. H. Gleason.
Wm. H. Kimball.	Pelig Ewing.
M. Brayman.	H. B. Smith.
F. J. Dowland.	R. P. Bishop.

SEDWICK POST NO. 16, EVART.

Chartered August 24, 1880.

Membership 48.

Delegate.

W. H. Norman.

Commander, Wm. Rodgers.

Alternate.

W. Smith.

Past Commanders.

Orin Button.	W. J. Manley.
Ed Cox.	A. A. Smith.
G. W. Gardner.	Chas. Coppins.
W. S. Lewis.	J. R. Foster.
S. E. Skutt.	H. S. Keath.
O. M. Bush.	Jos. H. Powell.
*E. C. Cannon.	D. E. Wait.
S. E. Kerby.	Jos. H. Foster.
Dan'l Farrington.	

FAIRBANKS POST NO. 17, DETROIT.

Chartered May 9, 1881.

Membership 319.

Delegates.

*H. A. Backus.
 *A. S. McWilliams.
 *Wm. L. Lyons.
 S. S. Russell.
 John J. Downey.
 *H. R. Strong.

Commander, O. D. Kingsley.

Alternates.

*C. A. Bartlett.
 J. D. Elderkin.
 E. Muffat.
 C. D. Randolph.
 Chas. A. Wilcox.

Past Commanders.

E. O. Durfee.	*D. G. Crotty.
W. P. Sumner.	*A. L. Sawyer.
*Wm. Davey.	*M. Green.
W. Hart.	*Carl Engle.
H. B. Eggeman.	M. P. Thatcher.
*G. L. Holmes.	*J. Renton.
*A. V. Phister.	*J. Reid.
*C. K. Radcliff.	*J. T. Spillane.
D. G. Genny.	J. A. Lane.
J. Gill.	*C. J. Pierce.
*B. R. Finlayson.	A. C. Blair.
*T. Davey.	C. W. Yates.
W. C. Claxton.	*Edward E. Thayer.
*D. S. Kimball.	*H. B. White.
*E. F. Lamb.	

M'PHERSON POST NO. 18, TRAVERSE CITY.

Chartered May 21, 1881.

Membership 73.

Delegates.

*R. B. Garner.
 W. W. Dean.

Commander, J. W. Hilliker.

Alternates.

B. F. Newhouse.
 G. A. Stearns.

Past Commanders.

M. D. Morgan.
C. S. Vader.
D. G. Shorter.
F. D. Marvin.
W. W. Sackett.

Levi Soule.
O. P. Carver.
L. W. Lyon.
Chas. H. Johnson.

A. LINCOLN POST NO. 19, BANGOR.

Chartered May 20, 1881.

Membership 66.

Commander, J. G. Todd.

Delegate.

W. L. Zook.

Alternate.

D. E. Morris.

Past Commanders.

C. C. Phillips.
Thos. Horton.
*B. Merriman.
J. G. Todd.
Alvin Chapman.

O. A. Reynolds.
A. M. Harrison.
G. M. Harvey.
D. W. Hall.

ELLSWORTH POST NO. 20, HARTFORD.

Chartered June 20, 1881.

Membership 51.

Commander, Chas. Mather.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

*Henry Spaulding.
Eber Hart.
M. C. White.
William Bennett.
A. P. Shaw.

H. L. Stratton.
Allen Olds.
Daniel Pool.
John S. Heald.

A. W. CHAPMAN POST NO. 21, ST. JOSEPH.

Chartered July 18, 1881.

Membership 61.

Commander, W. A. Preston.

Delegate.

F. J. Merchant.

Alternate.

R. F. Stratton.

Past Commanders.

*J. J. Drake.

John Lane.

WILLIAM FERROTT POST NO. 22, BUCHANAN.

Chartered July 11, 1881.

Membership 27.

Commander, John C. Dick.

Delegate.

John S. Curtis.

Alternate.

Marion Huff.

Past Commanders.

M. B. Gardner.
John W. Beistle.
John Perrott.
O. F. Richmond.
Steve Scott.
Theo. W. Thomas.
H. A. Richardson.

W. P. Wood.
Wm. Powers.
John E. Barmore.
I. N. Bachelor.
John Graham.
H. D. Eastman.
John Shook.

EDWIN COLWELL POST NO. 23, BLOOMINGDALE.

Chartered August 29, 1881.

Membership 25.

Commander, G. W. Lewis.

Delegate.

J. E. Culver.

Alternate.

Emmit Ward.

Past Commanders.

James McDowell.
Stephen Martin.
Frank Cooley.

J. N. Edwards.
Geo. Wilson.
J. T. Robinson.

COL. FENTON POST NO. 24, FENTON.

Chartered August 19, 1881.

Membership 61.

Commander, Chas. W. Sadden.

Delegate.

*A. F. Andrews.

Alternate.

L. B. Chapel.

Past Commanders.

*L. V. Curry.
A. H. Marsh.
J. M. Ripley.
E. Winters.

V. C. Smith.
William Butcher.
Chas. Sadden.

DAVID BECKER POST NO. 25, OGDEN CENTER.

Chartered August 20, 1881.

Membership 41.

Commander, G. W. Wilt.

Delegate.

David Piper.

Alternate.

C. T. Cheney.

Past Commanders.

J. F. Wotring.
G. W. Scott.
L. E. Fry.
C. T. Cheney.
Amos Wilt.
C. L. Blake.
*J. M. Robb.

Robt. Service.
Geo. W. Dickerson.
A. J. Hodges.
G. W. Hockett.
William Emmons.
A. S. Beardsley.

JOE HOOKER POST NO. 26, HART.

Chartered August 16, 1881.

Membership 41.

Commander, Jas. H. Slater.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

J. A. Collier.
Casper Rechter.
H. A. Waldron.
J. H. Slater.

Geo. F. Dennison.
B. F. Archer.
W. J. McRae.
J. W. Montgomery.

BURNSIDE POST NO. 27, DECATUR.

Chartered September 19, 1881.

Membership 31.

Commander, J. H. Van Camp.

Delegate.

*O. M. Pritchard.

Alternate.

Henry High.

Past Commanders.

G. W. Lusk.
W. H. White.
R. Colbetzor.
S. M. Rawson.

L. D. Roberts.
C. W. Willson.
H. B. Myers.

A. L. CARVER POST NO. 28, HEMLOCK.

Chartered August 2, 1894.

Membership 20.

Commander, *Jedd Bennett.

Delegate.

*A. Whitmore.

Alternate.

John Wendt.

Past Commanders.

T. M. Champlin.
Charles Burnham.
A. T. Cooper.

*Calvin Sylvester.
Jedd Bennett.
J. D. Smith.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

CHAMPLIN POST NO. 29, GRAND RAPIDS.

Chartered September 9, 1881.

Membership 42.

Delegate.

E. J. LeFeuer.

Commander, Wm. H. Stokes.

Alternate.

Wm. W. Reed.

Past Commanders.

Eber Rice.

Samuel White.

E. F. Covell.

Hiram Madden.

Alvin D. Porter.

GARFIELD POST NO. 30, COLMA.

Chartered October 10, 1881.

Membership 20.

Delegate.

*Geo. Enos.

Commander, W. A. Baker.

Alternate.

P. O. Bowe.

Past Commanders.

W. A. Baker.

S. Clark.

A. Newton.

J. A. Brown.

Geo. Garrett.

W. Wood.

BROADHEAD POST NO. 31, PAW PAW.

Chartered October 21, 1881.

Membership 41.

Delegate.

*Wm. Killifer.

Commander, W. R. Serrine.

Alternate.

Wm. H. Sage.

Past Commanders.

*H. A. Chapin.

J. F. Bullard.

O. W. Rowland.

Ira W. Hulbert.

B. F. Heckert.

Daniel Spicer.

John Reed.

FARRAGUT POST NO. 32, BATTLE CREEK.

Chartered November 3, 1881.

Membership 98.

Delegates.

*E. W. Bordo.

*Henry B. Wilder.

*Commander, Horace B. Hayes.

Alternates.

G. W. Warner.

Wm. Wetherill.

Past Commanders.

A. W. Alvord.

*A. Griswold.

*J. W. Taylor.

*Wm. A. Vickery.

J. G. Bohnett.

S. M. Holton.

Austin S. Parker.

J. J. Cornwell.

*Wm. Dowsett.

R. M. Bellinger.

S. S. French.

*G. M. Hodges.

*A. B. Simpson.

A. S. Parker.

R. J. Kelley.

W. R. Wickham.

J. J. Cornwell.

COL. MYRON BAKER POST NO. 33, MORENCI.

Chartered December 29, 1881.

Membership 37.

Delegate.

*Chas. C. Gilman.

*Commander, Wm. Chappell.

Alternate.

Alfred B. Whitney.

Past Commanders.

U. Smith.

Fred Denson.

Geo. N. Chappell.

Fred B. Sheffield.

Wm. Onweller.

W. G. EATON POST NO. 34, OTSEGO.

Chartered November 10, 1881.

Membership 27.

Commander, Oliver Wise.

Delegate.

John Chambers.

Alternate.

Andrew Yerrick.

ZACH. CHANDLER POST NO. 35, SOUTH HAVEN.

Chartered November 30, 1881.

Membership 87.

Commander, A. H. Cook.

Delegates.

A. R. Hotchkiss.

L. R. Olds.

Alternates.

J. M. Mitchell.

J. Holdsworth.

Past Commanders.

*T. Biddle.
 Herrick Hodges.
 L. K. Jillson.
 J. S. Donahue.
 W. S. Bradley.
 H. W. Hillyard.

J. S. Hicks.
 Geo. O. Chapman.
 Jos. Martin.
 A. N. Cook.
 H. J. Dodge.
 *James Martin.
 C. A. Butterfield.

GEORGE L. MEAD POST NO. 36, BERRIEN CENTER.

Chartered December 29, 1881.

Membership 15.

Commander, Henry Hess.

Delegate.

John Booth.

Alternate.

P. E. O'Brien.

Past Commanders.

B. H. Rutter.
 M. J. Nelson.
 S. L. Snavley.
 P. E. O'Brien.

M. A. Hand.
 *J. K. P. McCullough.
 J. H. Booth.

STANTON POST NO. 37, STANTON.

Chartered November 30, 1881.

Membership 31.

*Commander, Thos. Lowe.

Delegate.

Wm. Roller.

Alternate.

A. J. Capers.

Past Commanders.

H. H. Hinds.
 J. A. Crocker.
 J. T. Pickard.
 T. M. Smith.
 T. S. Finch.

Edson Pickill.
 J. A. Kellogg.
 H. V. Hallett.
 John Lorson.

SAGINAW POST NO. 38, SAGINAW.

Chartered December 14, 1881.

Membership 79.

*Commander, Theo. S. Hill.

Delegate.

*Bart Griffin.

*J. S. Cornwell.

Alternate.

C. Wasserman.

Chas. Ziem.

Past Commanders.

W. G. Gage.
 *E. F. Guild.
 *H. Coleman.
 C. H. Peters.
 *D. K. Halsey.
 *Jas. T. Hale.
 T. T. Hubbard.
 *Riley L. Jones.
 Wm. H. Presser.
 Robert Dederick.
 Henry Fiege.
 D. W. Osborne.

D. F. Leonard.
 Hugh McLean.
 *Gordon T. Converse.
 *Wm. W. Morgan.
 M. E. Keller.
 *Fayette Wyckoff.
 *O. S. Bishop.
 Chas. P. Colvin.
 P. J. Sensabaugh.
 C. F. Schuetler.
 *Jos. Seeman.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

KILPATRICK POST NO. 39, BERRIEN SPRINGS.

Chartered February 15, 1882.

Membership 31.

Commander, A. W. Harkins.		<i>Alternate.</i>
<i>Delegate.</i>		R. Shriber.
G. H. Kimball.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Rosco D. Dix.		W. H. Miller.
D. G. W. Ganzler.		S. E. Hadlock.
J. Hallenbeck.		Mendell Wells.

A. S. WILLIAMS POST NO. 40, CHARLOTTE.

Chartered February 8, 1882.

Membership 118.

Commander, Albert F. Nye.		<i>Alternates.</i>
<i>Delegates.</i>		Geo. Sattler.
*C. W. Pangler.		Nelson Drake.
C. B. Richardson.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
D. B. Ainger.		S. W. Harmon.
*Wm. Jordan.		Joseph Shaw.
Lewis A. Snell.		*Wm. M. Beckman.
J. D. Butler.		*Thos. J. Snow.
		G. B. Allen.

E. P. CARPENTER POST NO. 41, CHELSEA.

Chartered February 13, 1882.

Membership 35.

Commander, G. J. Crowell.		<i>Alternate.</i>
<i>Delegate.</i>		W. D. Streeter.
*E. R. Doane.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*T. E. Wood.		E. L. Negus.
*J. F. Harrington.		L. Reilly.
E. Gorman.		A. W. Morton.
Rush Green.		A. Steger.
J. A. Palmer.		Wm. Yocum.
		J. F. Watrous.

CHAS. T. FOSTER POST NO. 42, LANSING.

Chartered February 2, 1882.

Membership 205.

Commander, Wm. A. Bolter.		<i>Alternates.</i>
<i>Delegates.</i>		John Davidson.
Daniel S. Mevis.		G. L. Hasty.
*Lister J. Kenney.		U. H. Lazell.
*Marion F. Buck.		E. D. Allen.
*John A. Wardell.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Rush J. Shank.		James H. Baker.
Wm. L. Reed.		I. N. Ashley.
*Frederick Schneider.		*Allen S. Shattuck.
Theo. E. Potter.		*Wm. W. Cook.
Edwin R. Havens.		*Geo. J. Foster.
James M. Slocum.		Seymour Foster.
Frank M. Howe.		*Geo. W. Stone.
*Wm. C. Nesen.		*Lewis A. Miller.
Addison S. Boyce.		John A. Marvin.

SCOTT POST NO. 43, BLISSFIELD.

Chartered February 16, 1882.

Membership 51.

Commander, Byron Tripp.		<i>Alternate.</i>
<i>Delegate.</i>		Geo. Miller.
*H. B. Hathaway.		

Past Commanders.

John Rentz.	Jas. K. Crane.
Peter Fisher.	*E. R. Welch.
Frank A. Sperry.	Horace R. Wood.
Geo. F. Ford.	Wm. Ten Eyck.
*W. H. Colyer.	Edwin Youngs.
H. H. Wilber.	*N. T. Stoner.

ANSON SANFORD POST NO. 44, SANFORD.

Chartered September 23, 1889.

Membership 11.

Commander, John M. Howe.

Delegate.

Gerdon Longenbarger.

Alternate.

Myron Howard.

Past Commanders.

John W. H. Brooks.	Leonard Pawling.
Hiram G. Thorington.	John F. Briggs.
John Verity.	

WOODBURY POST NO. 45, ADRIAN.

Chartered February 13, 1882.

Membership 112.

Commander, Clark W. Decker.

Delegates.

*Asa W. Aldrich.
*Wm. Gimbert.
*Isaac M. Chase.

Alternates.

M. L. Robinson.
Geo. Mann.
Alfred Dobbins.

Past Commanders.

*Geo. R. Cochrane.	S. E. Graves.
*Willard Sterns.	*D. B. Morgan.
Geo. W. Westerman.	*Peter A. Beck.
*B. F. Mattern.	*W. T. Bradley.
*Samuel Patten.	Geo. Austin.
*Stewart Ballon.	*John B. Allen.
B. F. Graves.	*L. O. Salsbury.
*Fred J. Buck.	*Henry Mickleby.
*Geo. Irwin.	*Wm. Jibb.
*Hope Welch.	

W. C. GILBERT POST NO. 47, DOWAGIAC.

Chartered March 11, 1882.

Membership 35.

Commander, J. R. Edwards.

Delegate.

Alternate.

Past Commanders.

EDWARD POMEROY POST NO. 48, JACKSON.

Chartered March 9, 1882.

Membership 194.

*Commander, Thos. Daniels.

Delegates.

*De Los Ellis.
*Dan Beardsley.
Hiram F. Hatch.
*John Boyle.

Alternates.

A. W. Martin.
Jacob Dawson.
H. Bailey.
Lewis Pelton.

Past Commanders.

T. H. Williams.	*J. L. Sample.
*A. D. Welling.	S. B. Davis.
*H. Dorr Blakeman.	*D. J. Willson.
*O. F. Kaywood.	*J. D. Jewell.
*Albert Dunham.	*Geo. Cottrill.
W. E. Morris.	H. H. Allen.
*Geo. S. White.	*Wm. H. Porter.
*M. S. Redfield.	C. H. Haskin.
*W. W. Hitchcock.	

THIRTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

WADSWORTH POST NO. 49, LAWRENCE.

Chartered March 16, 1882.

Membership 28.

Delegate. Commander, Thos. C. Tyner.
Alternate.
Past Commanders.

JOHN T. REYNOLDS POST NO. 52, PENTWATER.

Chartered November 18, 1887.

Membership 19.

Delegate. Commander, T. O. Gardner.
Alternate.
 M. S. Perkins. Geo. Tate.

Past Commanders.

T. O. Gardner. O. M. Inman.
 W. A. Clark.

PHIL M'KERNAN POST NO. 53, MASON.

Chartered April 8, 1882.

Membership 37.

Delegate. Commander, W. J. Adams.
Alternate.
 Fred Hines. W. J. Hyde.

Past Commanders.

T. M. Saraw. E. S. Baldwin.
 Hugh Blakely. H. C. Freeland.
 G. L. Barnaby. W. J. Adams.
 S. C. Parker.

O. P. MORTON POST NO. 54, MANTON.

Chartered April 15, 1882.

Membership 15.

Delegate. Commander, R. A. Cora.
Alternate.
 Xera Ellsworth. Felix White.

Past Commanders.

Xera Ellsworth. Edward Morgan.
 D. B. Averill. A. A. Clawson.

CAPT. H. BARROWS POST NO. 55, ARMADA.

Chartered June 4, 1895.

Membership 22.

Delegate. Commander, Marion Bates.
Alternate.
 Ezra F. Sibley. Robt. N. Ormsby.

Past Commanders.

Peter B. Cade. Frederick Klusendorf.
 *Homer A. Sperry. Amos Finch.
 Marion Bates. William Hamlin.
 *L. J. Compton. Wm. B. Hamilton.
 A. S. Hathaway. *Ashel B. Watson.

C. J. BASSETT POST NO. 56, ALLEGAN.

Chartered April 25, 1882.

Membership 72.

Delegates. Commander, J. C. Leggett.
Alternates.
 Mortimer Culver. Wilson James.
 Robert Foster. Louis Belinger.

Past Commanders.

W. W. Warner.
N. W. Houser.
Geo. Cady.
J. W. Eley.
John S. Curtis.

A. C. Esterbrook.
B. D. Pritchard.
L. W. Belinger.
Parley Main.
*Geo. B. Myers.

THOMAS MANNING POST NO. 57, MARCELLUS.

Chartered May 19, 1882.

Membership 83.

Commander, H. W. Nottingham.

Delegates.

Frank T. Wolf.
Ben Louis.

Alternates.

Sam Reigles.
U. W. Shagelmyre.

Past Commanders.

W. J. Kellogg.
J. B. Gouhier.
Peter Shall.
G. F. Nash.
Clarence Lamson.

W. R. Sinder.
H. W. Nottingham.
Ray T. Streeter.
Levi Dennis.

G. W. ANDERSON POST NO. 58, DE WITT.

Chartered April 25, 1882.

Membership 17.

Commander, Thos. W. Baldwin.

Delegate.

*Thomas Price.

Alternate.

J. R. Beadle.

Past Commanders.

Allen Dryer.
H. E. Howell.

G. W. Stimson.
T. W. Baldwin.

A. COLVIN POST NO. 59, GOBLEVILLE.

Chartered May 22, 1882.

Membership 27.

Commander, M. J. Blakeman.

Delegate.

J. S. Eastman.

Alternate.

J. C. Parsons.

Past Commanders.

L. S. Lee.

DEWEY POST NO. 60, LESLIE.

Chartered May 25, 1882.

Membership 40.

Commander, *A. A. Lumbard.

Delegate.

*Jos. B. Christis.

Alternate.

Wesley D. Smith.

Past Commanders.

L. S. Rice.
H. Laberteaux.
J. B. Scovel.

*W. D. Longyear.
R. C. Bishop.

C. F. DOORE POST NO. 61, GAYLORD.

Chartered May 19, 1882.

Membership 15.

Commander, N. L. Parmeter.

Delegate.

Geo. H. Smith.

Alternate.

J. W. F. Newsome.

Past Commanders.

*Wm. H. Smith.
Orson Higley.
Philip Sparr.

L. W. Lyon.
Benj. F. Ordway.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

JEWELL POST NO. 62, CEDAR SPRINGS.

Chartered June 3, 1882.

Membership 29.

<i>Delegate.</i>	*Commander, Miles Mulford.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Philo Borst.		Samuel Smith.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
D. G. Dove.		J. D. Jackson.
L. Bearss.		Miles Mulford.
		J. T. Pomeroy.

G. K. WARNER POST NO. 63, EAST TAWAS.

Chartered June 20, 1882.

Membership 36.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, F. E. Hayes.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Wm. Legacy.		Amos Lake.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
L. B. Smith.		Wardwell Chase.
J. E. Hill.		J. M. Walker.
Theo. Hills.		S. C. Williams.
B. F. Oakes.		Wm. Youngs.
F. E. Hayes.		C. F. Adams.

FRANK GRAVES POST NO. 64, NILES.

Chartered June 19, 1882.

Membership 34.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Alexander Winborn.	<i>Alternate.</i>
James Hardee.		A. C. Judson.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
H. C. Beswick.		A. E. Dodge.

W. J. MAY POST NO. 65, JONES.

Chartered July 24, 1882.

Membership 23.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, S. P. King.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Frank East.		H. H. Miller.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Luther Kinney.		I. S. Pound.
D. Trattels.		L. H. Scott.
A. P. Beeman.		H. H. Bowen.
T. P. Ayers.		N. G. Stanard.

STEVENS POST NO. 66, EAST JORDAN.

Chartered December 4, 1882.

Membership 23.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, J. H. Kocher.	<i>Alternate.</i>
L. C. Madison.		Wm. Harrington.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
J. W. Rogers.		Wm. Jaquays.
L. C. Madison.		Geo. J. Bowen.

U. S. GRANT POST NO. 67, BAY CITY.

Chartered June 12, 1882.

Membership 81.

<i>Delegates.</i>	Commander, Aug. Meisel.	<i>Alternates.</i>
Jason Maudley.		*Henry Sims.
*G. Lewis.		A. L. Gilbert.

Past Commanders.

H. C. Green.
 Frank Berdan.
 C. L. Collins.
 Pat. Gibbons.
 *James Van Kleeck.
 J. P. Day.

L. McHugh.
 Chas. Gossler.
 S. Wilhelm.
 M. J. Borland.
 O. F. Kellogg.
 Wm. Hubbard.

SHIELDS POST NO. 68, SHELBY.

Chartered June 27, 1882.

Membership 34.

Commander, Jacob P. Huyson.

Delegate.

Joel Morse.

Alternate.

Benj. B. White.

Past Commanders.

Phil Penfield.
 W. P. Shafer.
 William Beamer.
 Wm. H. Barry.

F. A. Pitts.
 G. W. Carroll.
 J. D. Randall.
 Burr Pittinger.
 A. H. Towne.

DWIGHT MAY POST NO. 69, MIDLAND.

Chartered June 29, 1882.

Membership 47.

Commander, Chas. J. Jenney.

Delegate.

*I. H. Richardson.

Alternate.

R. H. Clark.

Past Commanders.

*J. W. Snell.
 Geo. H. Richardson.
 Alton P. Beardsley.
 True Hart.

*T. B. Main.
 Wm. L. Stearns.
 Henry Northway.
 Wm. Patterson.

ED. M. PRUTZMAN POST NO. 72, THREE RIVERS.

Chartered September 7, 1882.

Membership 45.

Commander, Wesley W. Van Horn.

Delegate.

*A. W. Snyder.

Alternate.

D. W. Feos.

Past Commanders.

W. H. Bumphrey.
 James Bouton.
 S. M. Snyder.
 Jeff. P. McKey.
 W. C. Porter.

James L. Haines.
 *Russell R. Pealer.
 *A. A. Udell.
 Bishop E. Andrews.
 Geo. A. B. Cooke.

A. B. STURGIS POST NO. 73, STURGIS.

Chartered September 1, 1882.

Membership 31.

Commander, O. D. Russell.

Delegate.

H. E. Pierson.

Alternate.

D. W. Robinson.

Past Commanders.

E. S. Amedon.
 Daniel Berger.
 J. H. Whitmer.
 L. J. Twichell.
 P. J. Rodas.

E. B. Cooke.
 P. H. Van Vleck.
 H. L. Anthony.
 E. Zeigler.
 A. A. Wilber.

STERLING POST NO. 74, WAYLAND.

Chartered August 31, 1882.

Membership 32.

Commander, Chas. B. Brown.

Delegate.

*C. D. Paxon.

Alternate.

J. C. Jordon.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Past Commanders.

Peter Ross.
Solomon S. Fox.
John H. Peck.
John W. Moore.
Frank E. Pickett.
James M. Potts.

Jerry H. Sargent.
Albert W. Nash.
Varsol P. Fales.
Isaac N. Hoyt.
David Knowles.
C. B. Brown.

WETHERWAX POST NO. 75, GRAND HAVEN.

Chartered September 13, 1882.

Membership 31.

Commander, Chas. W. Dickinson.

Delegate.

A. M. Van Wormer.

Alternate.

Jos. Douglas.

Past Commanders.

C. E. Soule.
C. N. Dickenson.
Eugene Gardner.
*G. A. Farr.
Miner J. Emlaw.

William Walters.
Orson Vanderhoef.
Wm. Kefgen.
Philander Palmer.
Anthony Boet.

JOSEPH E. SMITH POST NO. 76, MONROE.

Chartered September 12, 1882.

Membership 48.

Commander, Adam Lahr.

Delegate.

*J. Sorter.

Alternate.

A. Rupp.

Past Commanders.

*Geo. Spaulding.
H. Beisal.
C. L. Peck.
*H. R. Austin.
*Burton Parker.

F. B. Nelson.
C. Gruner.
*J. Callum.
Wm. Hogans.
*Wm. F. Haight.

FRANK HICKS POST NO. 78, DANSVILLE.

Chartered September 18, 1882.

Membership 25.

*Commander, A. L. Crossman.

Delegate.

Merritt Hicks.

Alternate.

O. F. Brotherton.

Past Commanders.

Andrew Beers.
O. L. Lathrop.

C. F. Patrick.
A. L. Crossman.

ORCUTT POST NO. 79, KALAMAZOO.

Chartered September 20, 1882.

Membership 131

*Commander, Enoc Shaffer.

Delegates.

W. C. Shook.
*Eli Strong.
G. E. Dunbar.

Alternates.

*David C. Oakes.
Chas. L. Leathers.
*Aaron Miller.

Past Commanders.

Geo. M. Buck.
Wm. F. Sherman.
*J. D. Turner.
*Freeman Hall.
F. D. Root.
*C. E. Foote.
F. P. Muhlenberg.
John Barker.

*Jas. E. White.
*P. H. Burke.
*Geo. F. Larned.
John D. Sumner.
H. P. Shutt.
*E. S. Bissell.
Chas. Prange.
*Geo. Clark.
Geo. W. Doane

HARLOW BRIGGS POST NO. 80, HOPKINS STATION.

Chartered September 25, 1882.

Membership 30.

Delegate.

Henry Van Orman.

Commander, Wesley McBride.

Alternate.

Wm. Linsley.

Past Commanders.

A. P. Varney.
 *John Hoffmaster.
 Geo. Ruehle.
 John Bacon.

Chas. Tiefenthal.
 D. S. Halstead.
 Fred Hodges.
 Henry H. Smith.

COL. JEFFORDS POST NO. 82, NASHVILLE.

Chartered September 19, 1882.

Membership 36.

Delegate.

S. B. Preston.

Commander, G. W. Perry.

Alternate.

Wm. Moore.

Past Commanders.

E. F. Evans.
 Geo. Wellman.
 Alex. Brown.
 *E. D. Williams.

W. S. Hecox.
 R. C. Smith.
 *Wm. Boston.
 *A. R. Williams.
 G. W. Perry.

WM. A. KENT POST NO. 83, GREENVILLE.

Chartered October 6, 1882.

Membership 45.

Delegate.

R. H. Stevens.

Commander, E. W. Blanchard.

Alternate.

A. T. Bliss.

Past Commanders.

John Avery.
 E. F. Graybill.
 O. B. Green.
 E. W. Blanchard.
 A. J. Cole.
 C. O. Jennison.

H. M. Caukin.
 *L. W. Sprague.
 O. W. Green.
 A. H. Bennett.
 O. J. Cary.

COL. BAKER POST NO. 84, KALKASKA.

Chartered October 9, 1882.

Membership 51.

Delegate.

Elijah Goodwin.

Commander, John E. Rainbow.

Alternate.

Henry Wright.

Past Commanders.

Daniel P. Beebe.
 James Harriott.
 Jos. A. Mowbrey.
 James Greacen.
 Jas. M. Flagg.
 John Lewis.

W. H. Bockes.
 James W. Mosher.
 W. J. Wilson.
 Chas. H. DePuy.
 James M. Steel.

CHAS. WOODRUFF POST NO. 85, THREE OAKS.

Chartered October 16, 1882.

Membership 25.

Del egate.

Commander, C. H. Davis.

Alternate.

Geo. L. Stevens.

Past Commanders.

Dwight Warren.
 Isaiah Rynerson.

Fred F. Sovereign.
 Wm. W. Smith.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

GEN. LYON POST NO. 86, MANCELONA.

Chartered October 10, 1882.

Membership 24.

Delegate.

Commander, H. C. Merdon.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

H. B. Hudson.

David S. Davis.

I. O. Lyons.

D. W. Lazell.

J. W. Wallace.

JOS. WILSON POST NO. 87, LOWELL.

Chartered October 16, 1882.

Membership 61.

Delegate.

Commander, Benj. Morse.

Alternate.

H. Dawson.

Chas. McCarty.

Past Commanders.

S. P. Hicks.

Leonard H. Hunt.

CORBIN POST NO. 88, UNION CITY.

Chartered October 17, 1882.

Membership 55.

Delegate.

Commander, John D. Parke.

Alternate.

*C. B. Lowell.

J. S. Benham.

Past Commanders.

L. L. Harsh.

*J. M. Wells.

R. M. Simmons.

D. E. Youngs.

*M. F. Buell.

*C. M. Hall.

O. N. Dennison.

M. E. Blair.

M. A. Merrifield.

G. W. Blakewell.

Henry Seymour.

RANSOM POST NO. 89, FLUSHING.

Chartered October 18, 1882.

Membership 20.

Delegate.

*Commander, Chester Felton.

Alternate.

*H. D. Penoyer.

H. A. Miller.

Past Commanders.

*J. M. Greenfield.

W. J. Ottaway.

S. H. Thomas.

Cyrus Phelps.

C. H. Adams.

Albert Crosby.

W. V. Banning.

*C. M. Caldwell.

John Wheeler.

*Chester Felton.

J. N. PENOYER POST NO. 90, SAGINAW, W. S.

Chartered November 14, 1882.

Membership 48.

Delegate.

Commander, J. H. Leavenworth.

Alternate.

F. R. Cranshaw.

*Adolph Tyfer.

Past Commanders.

*O. F. Mosier.

J. H. Wellington.

Albert Trask.

C. F. Brand.

N. S. Wood.

N. B. Kinsey.

C. A. Beelman.

J. P. Shermann.

*Fred Wellington.

G. R. Grout.

C. P. Burdick.

E. St. John.

*Henry Vance.

H. S. Averill.

WM. D. WILKINS POST NO. 91, ST. LOUIS.

Chartered October 25, 1882.

Membership 32.

Delegate.

*Geo. Wood.

Commander, Henry O. Totten.

Alternate.

E. J. Halliday.

Past Commanders.

A. B. Darragh.
Peter Shook.
*L. W. Beach.
H. W. Forney.
C. H. Crandall.
Chas. Morrow.

Henry Davison.
J. N. Robinson.
L. B. Longwell.
Willard Gray.
L. L. Cornell.
*H. E. Histed.

WALLACE POST NO. 95, FLAT ROCK.

Chartered December 9, 1882.

Membership 37.

Delegate.

S. Miller.

*Commander, Chas. Strewing.

Alternate.

W. J. Vreeland.

Past Commanders.

J. M. Van Riper.
*S. F. Smith.
*H. W. Moses.
*Albert W. Wagar.
B. Parish.
*E. Beach.
*F. M. Reid.

L. Firstle.
*J. R. Brown.
*W. B. Littlefield.
*C. Strewing.
*Chas. Simpson.
*F. Firstle.

CARTER POST NO. 96, UNION.

Chartered December 21, 1882.

Membership 13.

Delegate.

Henry F. Garman.

Commander, C. C. Parker.

Alternate.

J. C. Kyle.

Past Commanders.

JOHN J. BAGLEY POST NO. 97, HERSEY.

Chartered December 27, 1882.

Membership 11.

Delegate.

Henry Rose.

Commander, L. F. Corey.

Alternate.

I. N. Owens.

Past Commanders.

Wm. B. C. Pitts.
Wm. D. Lovell.

L. F. Corey.
P. A. Hall.

WILLIAM SANBORN POST NO. 98, PORT HURON.

Chartered December 30, 1882.

Membership 60.

Delegate.

E. G. Spalding.

Commander, *L. B. Rice.

Alternate.

L. B. Rice.

Past Commanders.

E. S. Post.
L. A. Sherman.
E. S. Pitit.
*Geo. W. Howe.
W. H. Brown.
*J. D. Kinney.
W. H. Smith.

*Wm. Thompson.
C. W. Higgins.
*C. V. W. Brokaw.
*J. W. Burns.
G. B. Windover.
*A. S. Welscher.
*Harvey Hyde.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

M. W. DRESSER POST NO. 100, LYONS.

Chartered January 10, 1883.

Membership 29.

Commander, T. H. Steadman.

Delegate.

J. O. Probasco.

Alternate.

Isaac Farrar.

Past Commanders.

Ezra N. Thayer.

*B. H. Stevens.

Geo. W. Terry.

J. R. Dougherty.

Chas. W. Lung.

T. H. Steadman.

MOSES WISNER POST NO. 101, ITHACA.

Chartered January 13, 1883.

Membership 56.

Commander, Perry D. Pettit.

Delegate.

*Albro Curtiss.

Alternate.

T. S. Barnes.

Past Commanders.

N. C. Sutliff.

*W. H. Beasley.

Wm. L. Phillips.

E. B. Killee.

Thomas Crofford.

John Barnes.

A. W. Russell.

James Donaldson.

E. F. Doty.

J. B. Yarbough.

G. W. Todd.

Wm. Stahl.

W. J. Clark.

K. P. Peet.

ELI P. ALEXANDER POST NO. 103, WILLIAMSTON.

Chartered January 16, 1883.

Membership 39.

Commander, W. L. Robson.

Delegate.

Miles Vannetter.

Alternate.

C. L. Lockwood.

Past Commanders.

Wm. L. Robinson.

H. M. Bigelow.

Mathias Coad.

Hiram Haine.

R. Wiggins.

Chas. E. West.

Milo Vannetter.

Leroy Satterlee.

GEO. A. WINANS POST NO. 104, OVID.

Chartered February 8, 1883.

Membership 39.

Commander, W. G. Hunter.

Delegate.

W. B. Parker.

Alternate.

Humphrey J. Moore.

Past Commanders.

W. G. Hunter.

John A. Hubbell.

A. R. Doyne.

Luther Stone.

John Link.

*W. B. Parker.

S. B. Southworth.

Cyrus Sherman.

*Hiram W. Treat.

Chas. Cowan.

*N. B. Goodfellow.

WORTH POST NO. 105, TEKONSHA.

Chartered February 15, 1883.

Membership 13.

Commander, Willard Whitney.

Delegate.

R. E. Eldrid.

Alternate.

C. C. Juckett.

Past Commanders.

Willard Whitney.

William Gribbens.

Wm. H. Davis.

Geo. Blashfield.

C. H. Miller.

TIM LEWIS POST NO. 107, DIMONDALE.

Chartered March 17, 1883.

Membership 31.

Delegate.

Chas. H. Holcomb.

*Commander, Andrew Pray.

Alternate.

*Henry Claffin.

Past Commanders.

Andrew Pray.
 *N. P. Bateman.
 *John Spitter.

*O. G. Andrews.
 *John Van Osdall.
 *Brook Carlton.

EARL HALBERT POST NO. 108, GRAND LEDGE.

Chartered March 15, 1883.

Membership 36.

Delegate.

*A. E. Elliott.

Commander, N. W. Tracy.

Alternate.

L. W. Holmes.

Past Commanders.

J. S. Holmes.
 E. Wallace.
 *W. D. Southworth.
 H. L. Bigelow.
 B. F. Sanborn.

E. J. Wells.
 D. G. Kennedy.
 Henry Newsom.
 Oliver Wright.
 Andy McKelvey.

BUTTERWORTH POST NO. 109, COLDWATER.

Chartered March 9, 1883.

Membership 143.

Delegates.

S. M. Teachout.
 L. Daniels.
 H. Timerson.

*Commander, Edwin E. Lewis.

Alternates.

Geo. Whitehead.
 E. P. Fox.
 Jos. Fitterly.

Past Commanders.

H. A. Reynolds.
 *Geo. H. Turner.
 Henry Firth.
 H. C. Simons.
 L. A. Dillingham.
 *Alfred Milnes.
 B. K. Robbins.
 Frank Eaton.

*C. W. Bennett.
 T. S. Osborn.
 Chas. R. Thompson.
 F. D. Newberry.
 H. H. Benson.
 B. F. Rolph.
 Geo. A. Russell.
 Hezekiah Sweet.

DE GOLYER POST NO. 110, HUDSON.

Chartered March 12, 1883.

Membership 31.

Delegate.

John A. Dillon.

Commander, J. K. Periman.

Alternate.

Mathew Burt.

Past Commanders.

R. A. Beach.
 J. H. Dwyer.
 *Fred Barkway.

J. K. Periman.
 C. H. Eastman.
 *Edwin Camp.
 Wm. Barnard.

J. B. BRAINARD POST NO. 111, EATON RAPIDS.

Chartered March 14, 1883.

Membership 129.

Delegates.

*D. S. Milbourn.
 B. K. Crandall.
 O. J. Peterson.

Commander, Eli Cook.

Alternates.

A. Crossbeck.
 *L. D. Rodman.
 *J. R. Norton.

Past Commanders.

*Geo. Norton.
 *H. B. Olmsted.
 W. D. Brainard.
 *Eli Cook.
 Geo. Noble.
 Jasper Rolph.
 *Roswell West.

*D. M. Braman.
 *James Umborgan.
 L. A. Fowler.
 *H. J. Milburn.
 *Alonzo Cheney.
 C. B. Fowler.
 *J. J. Holmes.

JOHN CRYDERMAN POST NO. 112, MULLIKEN.

Chartered March 16, 1883.

Membership 13

Commander, Pomeroy Canfield.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Heary Slocum.

Past Commanders.

W. W. Thompson.
 L. H. Wilcox.

L. D. Fisher.

MILES POST NO. 113, ST. CLAIR.

Chartered March 15, 1883.

Membership 13.

Commander, David P. Ingles.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Archibald McKenzie.

Benj. B. Potter.

Past Commanders.

John Fink.

JOHN GILLULY POST NO. 114, FOWLERVILLE.

Chartered March 22, 1883.

Membership 45.

*Commander, Lewis Cobley.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Marvin Benjamin.

Sanford A. House.

Past Commanders.

*Wm. M. Horton.
 *G. D. Hamilton.
 *Louis Cobley.
 A. H. Smith.

W. P. Stowe.
 O. P. Showers.
 C. E. Dunston.
 Geo. L. Fisher.

ELLIOTT POST NO. 115, WHITE PIGEON.

Chartered March 23, 1883.

Membership 15.

Commander, Daniel Saunter.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

C. W. Farnham.

Chris. Hoofnagle.

Past Commanders.

Martin Luther.
 A. J. Rowinsky.

C. Y. Gardner.

D. G. ROYCE POST NO. 117, BYRON.

Chartered March 22, 1883.

Membership 18.

Commander, L. C. Kanouse.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*J. Schweikert.

A. Lewis.

Past Commanders.

E. D. Welch.
 H. L. Bishop.
 *G. LaDue.

L. C. Kanouse.
 Wm. Close.
 M. D. Comstock.

H. H. NIMS POST NO. 118, LEXINGTON.

Chartered March 31, 1883.

Membership 17.

Delegate.

Fred O. Hykes.

Commander, M. J. Dowling.

Alternate.

John Papst.

*Past Commanders.**R. Papst.
Oliver Yake.
L. M. Brown.M. A. Dowling.
Fred Keener.**BAXTER POST NO. 119, CHARLEVOIX.**

Chartered March 28, 1883.

Membership 26.

Delegate.

Egbert Carpenter.

Commander, Harrison Berdan.

Alternate.

Geo. O. Scott.

*Past Commanders.**E. H. Green.
C. H. Whitford.
E. B. Hodge.
Robert Miller.H. Berdan.
J. G. Reed.
W. H. Collins.
Geo. W. Cook.**WADELL POST NO. 120, HOWELL.**

Chartered April 5, 1883.

Membership 50.

Delegate.

E. A. Noble.

Commander, *E. D. Sargent.

Alternate.

H. H. Hall.

*Past Commanders.**G. W. Axtell.
*R. E. Parshall.
Frank Jordan.
Marshall Borden.
*Geo. Barnes.*John McGiney.
R. D. W. Woodworth.
Asa Parshall.
Calvin Wilcox.
*M. W. Dickinson.
H. H. Collins.**PAP THOMAS POST NO. 121, CHESANING.**

Chartered April 6, 1883.

Membership 24.

Delegate.

Martin J. Hulbert.

Commander, S. B. Vannocker.

Alternate.

A. H. Beers.

*Past Commanders.*Nathan R. Jersey.
*John Marshall.*A. J. Wilson.
*H. T. Weaver.**CARVER POST NO. 123, FRANKFORT.**

Chartered April 7, 1883.

Membership 18.

Delegate.

E. Z. Guild.

Commander, C. C. Forney.

Alternate.

Wm. H. Wood.

*Past Commanders.*John Hallabaugh.
H. A. Parker.John S. Perry.
A. J. Schnester.**FITZGERALD POST NO. 125, HASTINGS.**

Chartered April 11, 1883.

Membership 51.

Delegate.

Corwin Williams.

Commander, Hiram Jones.

Alternate.

Charles Williams.

Past Commanders.

Baker Shriner.
H. H. Trask.
Hiram Palmater.
*M. B. Todd.
H. Marble.
Travers Philips.
Wm. Ream.

Geo. Ingram.
Frank A. Standley.
Jos. C. Wardell.
W. F. Hicks.
Oliver Greenfield.
D. E. Birdsall.
W. H. Garrison.

DAN S. ROOT POST NO. 126, BELDING.

Chartered April 14, 1883.

Membership 33.

*Commander, Frank R. Chase.

Delegate.

M. L. Howe.

Alternate.

W. H. Locke.

Past Commanders.

B. F. Tower.
W. R. Olds.
C. M. Slayton.

Frank R. Chase.
J. H. Keeney.

"BILLY" BEGOLE POST NO. 127, MAPLE RAPIDS.

Chartered April 15, 1883.

Membership 27.

Commander, *J. E. Jones.

Delegate.

Robert Anderson.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Robert Anderson.
Thomas Anderson.
Elisha Mudge.

Dennis Wright.
Perry S. Percy.
J. A. Knickerbocker.

B. G. HUTCHINSON POST NO. 129, FOWLER.

Chartered April 21, 1883.

Membership 10.

Commander, _____.

Delegate.

Jesse T. Everts.

Alternate.

C. Willyoung.

Past Commanders.

F. A. Stowe.
M. B. Drake.
W. E. Hamilton.

Jesse Evarts.
Wm. M. Young.
W. J. Hammond.

J. T. BARRETT POST NO. 130, EDMORE.

Chartered April 19, 1883.

Membership 17.

Commander, Abel Rarrick.

Delegate.

B. L. Ward.

Alternate.

J. K. Tram.

Past Commanders.

Joseph Persen.

Henry W. Hewes.

HENRY M. LIDDLE POST NO. 131, COLON.

Chartered April 21, 1883.

Membership 37.

Commander, E. Kemerling.

Delegate.

Bruce Wilcox.

Alternate.

Geo. Davis.

Past Commanders.

E. P. Wellsley.
W. H. H. Godfrey.
John L. Lyttle.
William Boughton.
Charles Clement.

H. H. Ward.
W. T. Renner.
John Hall.
John Anderson.
E. Kemerling.

JOHN MEGABRAH POST NO. 132, PORTLAND.

Chartered April 27, 1883.

Membership 45.

Delegate.

*Rush P. Baldwin.

Commander, John Van Horn.

Alternate.

Wm. G. Minor.

Past Commanders.

E. M. Allen.
H. W. Holcomb.
Vincent Taylor.
J. C. Blocksten.
John W. Van Horn.

M. J. Whitney.
H. C. Glines.
W. R. Norwood.
*H. Outwater.
Wm. G. Miner.

SAMUEL JUDD POST NO. 133, NEWAYGO.

Chartered April 27, 1883.

Membership 20.

Delegate.

Commander, J. H. Edmonds.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.***FRED W. WALKER POST NO. 134, MT. MORRIS.**

Chartered April 27, 1883.

Membership 13.

Delegate.

Geo. Cooley.

Commander, *John Mitchell.

Alternate.

*W. O. Boughton.

Past Commanders.

*W. O. Boughton.
E. F. Lamb.
D. Douglas.
*J. C. C. Stephens.

Wm. Barber.
*M. W. Fairbanks.
A. Herrick.
U. Bache.
*John Hughes.

BARTHOLOMEW POST NO. 136, NUNICA.

Chartered May 11, 1883.

Membership 15.

Delegate.

James Stevenson.

Commander, E. R. Porter.

Alternate.

D. C. Nash.

Past Commanders.

J. A. Bond.
John Castle.
E. Barden.
H. E. Plant.

A. G. Hayward.
T. W. Dandy.
John Howard.
John Eckhoff.

WELCH POST NO. 137, ANN ARBOR.

Chartered May 8, 1883.

Membership 51.

Delegate.

*James H. Webb.

Commander, Robt. L. Warren.

Alternate.

Richard Williams.

Past Commanders.

*Henry S. Dean.
*J. Q. A. Sessions,
J. M. Perkins.
W. H. Jackson.
*N. P. Jacobs.
Chas. H. Manly.
*W. R. Childs.
W. A. Clark.

Robt. Campbell.
Fred Pistorins.
Harrison Soule.
*H. J. Pierson.
A. F. Martin.
Silas P. Hill.
*Jos. T. Jacobs.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

R. M. JOHNSON POST NO. 138, FERRY.

Chartered May 18, 1883.

Membership 12.

Delegate.

Henry Dodge.

Commander, J. H. Critchet.

Alternate.

A. B. Decker.

Past Commanders.

P. W. Parish.

T. P. Landon.

HORACE S. ROBERTS POST NO. 139, ALPENA.

Chartered May 23, 1883.

Membership 30.

Delegate.

C. M. Deming.

*Commander, John C. Viall.

Alternate.

Wm. Broadwell.

Past Commanders.

J. J. Potter.

Frank Hasell.

C. M. Demming.

J. N. Kelly.

C. B. Gruly.

Frank White.

A. C. Rice.

BEERS POST NO. 140, TECUMSEH.

Chartered May 18, 1881.

Membership 63.

Delegate.

*Geo. J. Keyser.

Commander, W. Smith.

Alternate.

A. Middlebrook.

Past Commanders.

*Elwill Camborn.

Lemers Barnes.

Geo. Swarts.

W. P. Smalledge.

J. W. Wightman.

Chas. Davis.

Miles Baldwin.

I. N. Ingersoll.

S. P. Hosmer.

*H. W. Stevens.

G. S. Van Tyne.

L. B. Thompson.

A. W. Mills.

*Elmer Wilson.

A. W. Slayton.

John D. Shull.

A. MACOMBER POST NO. 141, LAKEVIEW.

Chartered May 25, 1883.

Membership 30.

Delegate.

*Martin E. Wilson.

Commander, *Hiram Cornwell.

Alternate.

Harmon Rossman.

Past Commanders.

O. A. Adams.

Leonard Rossman.

John W. LaRue.

B. S. Vest.

C. S. Vinning.

WHITESIDES POST NO. 143, CARO.

Chartered May 25, 1883.

Membership 11.

Delegate.

Commander, Lyman C. Grady.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

*N. M. Richardson.

A. C. Spaulding.

Geo. W. Baslow.

R. M. Ross.

D. M. Macomber.

J. P. Westfall.

Jas. A. Connor.

TURRELL POST NO. 144, LAPEER.

Chartered May 29, 1883.

Membership 42.

Delegate.

*Geo. E. Holman.

Commander, *Geo. W. Cranston.

Alternate.

John Cunningham.

Past Commanders.

*L. W. Hinman.
 C. V. Austin.
 *J. E. Mapes.
 *Herman Dockham.
 *Robt. King.
 W. P. Grover.
 Jacob Piper.

*G. W. Cranston.
 *F. McElroy.
 Louis O. Brient.
 Geo. B. Farquaharson.
 Peter Besette.
 *O. S. Church.

GOV. CRAPO POST NO. 145, FLINT.

Chartered June 7, 1883.

Membership 146.

Commander, Jarvis E. Albro.

Delegates.

Chas. R. Pomeroy.
 *Oscar Johnson.
 John McKercher.

Alternates.

Joseph Remington.
 J. Thompson.
 Irving McConnell.

Past Commanders.

*O. F. Lockhead.
 *M. C. Barney.
 *Chas. L. Bentley.
 O. S. Thomas.
 Paul Countryman.
 John W. Begg.
 *Frank E. Willetts.
 *Ed. C. Marsh.
 *Chas. W. Austin.

J. R. Benjamin.
 *Geo. W. Hilton.
 *Joseph Rush.
 Geo. E. Newell.
 *Geo. Raab.
 *James H. Failing.
 Wm. M. Wheeler.
 *Jas. W. Van Tassel.
 Thos. A. Willitts.

CAPT. WILSON POST NO. 146, WALDRON.

Chartered June 8, 1883.

Membership 13.

Commander, W. B. Moore.

Delegate.

W. B. Moore.

Alternate.

E. N. Weaver.

Past Commanders.

A. Gibbs.
 C. H. Gorsuch.

S. W. Yeagle.
 E. N. Weaver.

DICK RICHARDSON POST NO. 147, PONTIAC.

Chartered June 11, 1883.

Membership 73.

*Commander, David S. Howard.

Delegate.

*Daniel S. Nale.

Alternate.

William Sprague.

Past Commanders.

*Wm. H. Morgans.
 *John Benjamin.
 D. Judson Hammond.
 *D. S. Howard.
 *Samuel Giles.
 James Orr.
 *Hiram Daniels.

*S. S. Mathews.
 *L. D. Van Kleeck.
 B. J. Fuller.
 *Lucine Loorie.
 *S. J. Cloonan.
 *Wm. Cheals.

DALHGREEN POST NO. 149, HOLTON.

Chartered June 13, 1883.

Membership 21.

Commander, H. W. Crawford.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

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RALPH ELY POST NO. 150, SHEPHERD.

Chartered June 12, 1883.

Membership 22.

Delegate.

*S. H. Fordyce.

Commander, J. B. Northrop.

Alternate.

Reuben Wellman.

Past Commanders.

R. Wellman.

I. N. Fordyce.

William Suix.

J. B. Northrop.

HENRY RICE POST NO. 151, SEBEWA.

Chartered June 16, 1883.

Membership 8.

Delegate.

Commander, Sam Bigham.

Alternate.

G. E. Friend.

Past Commanders.

Sam Bigham.

J. M. Bradley.

G. E. Friend.

WILLIAM MOYER POST NO. 152, ALMA.

Chartered July 11, 1883.

Membership 47.

Delegate.

*Geo. McCurdy.

Commander, Lafayette Stevens.

Alternate.

Chester Walker.

Past Commanders.

*John Greig.

L. Stevens.

V. M. Wilson.

Francis Hawley.

Ezra Robinson.

J. W. Holmes.

E. N. Chadwick.

Henry Wise.

R. R. Purvis.

Geo. Willard.

F. Palmer.

HIEL P. CLARK POST NO. 153, SARANAC.

Chartered July 2, 1883.

Membership 24.

Delegate.

*E. N. Lowrey.

Commander, W. H. Pinckney.

Alternate.

John Greeves.

Past Commanders.

E. P. Gifford.

Eustis Hull.

H. A. Harton.

Marshal Tanner.

F. T. Haskin.

A. W. Knee.

Nathan Hubble.

A. G. GALBRAITH POST NO. 154, DECKERVILLE.

Chartered June 29, 1883.

Membership 14.

Delegate.

James Lane.

Commander, L. M. Taylor.

Alternate.

Robert Lee.

*Past Commanders.***GREGG POST NO. 155, HOMER.**

Chartered July 11, 1883.

Membership 11.

Delegate.

Commander, Nathan D. Burton.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

CHAS. E. GRISSON POST NO. 156, ST. JOHNS.

Chartered July 5, 1883.

Membership 62.

Delegate.

*H. M. Estis.

Commander, *W. M. Leland.

Alternate.

Geo. W. Liby.

Past Commanders.

John W. Bradner.
 *W. N. Stocker.
 W. F. Tromp.
 M. A. Kniffin.
 O. E. Wilson.
 N. S. Parmalee.

J. L. Ring.
 S. B. Daboll.
 H. S. Hart.
 J. E. Stone.
 D. S. French.

ALBERT ANDERSON POST NO. 157, CASSOPOLIS.

Chartered July 6, 1883.

Membership 19.

Delegate.

*H. C. Walker.

Commander, Norris Richardson.

Alternate.

Thos. M. Seares.

Past Commanders.

M. A. Abbott.

Jas. M. Shepard.

COLONEL ELY POST NO. 158, ELM HALL.

Chartered July 10, 1883.

Membership 32.

Delegate.

C. M. Guild.

Commander, R. Schnepf.

Alternate.

A. N. Morton.

Past Commanders.

Seneca Sly.
 Geo. Rockafellow.
 N. K. Strayer.
 C. M. Guild.
 A. N. Maston.

C. A. Button.
 J. W. Fullerton.
 C. E. Prime.
 James Toy.

HILL POST NO. 159, MIDDLEVILLE.

Chartered July 11, 1883.

Membership 14.

Delegate.

H. Carrick.

Commander, D. W. Johnson.

Alternate.

Wm. McConnell.

Past Commanders.

A. A. Tewksbury.
 D. W. Johnson.
 Wm. McConnell.

H. B. Carveth.
 J. S. Johnson.
 J. W. Gould.

HENRY F. WALLACE POST NO. 160, CORUNNA.

Chartered July 12, 1883.

Membership 37

Delegate.

J. P. Hackett.

*Commander, Wm. E. Jacobs.

Alternate.

Daniel Munger.

Past Commanders.

L. H. Wilcox.
 *Geo. Morean.
 G. W. Mattoon.
 *J. C. Thomas.
 J. J. Peacock.

A. Adams.
 Ed. Conley.
 *Carl Pelton.
 Andrew Porter.
 Philip Kline.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

F. U. FARQUHAR POST NO. 162, DETROIT.

Chartered July 20, 1883.

Membership 19.

Commander, *John McCredie.

*Alternate.**Delegate.*

*E. F. Whitmore.

*Past Commanders.***EDWARD DWIGHT POST NO. 163, VERMONTVILLE.**

Chartered July 30, 1883.

Membership 42.

*Commander, Chas. Fuller.

*Alternate.**Delegate.*

*John Remaille.

David Young.

Past Commanders.

J. N. Hawkins.

*C. F. Fuller.

D. M. Purchis.

C. S. Snell.

F. M. Potter.

H. H. Brown.

C. A. Hollenbeck.

GEN. WOOL POST NO. 164, MORLEY.

Chartered August 2, 1883.

Membership 24.

Commander, D. C. King.

*Alternate.**Delegate.*

*Felix Ludington.

Past Commanders.

Chauncey Blossom.

O. S. Palmer.

R. D. Williamson.

Wm. A. Eddy.

F. A. Russell.

Samuel Glover.

O. COLGROVE POST NO. 166, MARSHALL.

Chartered August 4, 1838.

Membership 79.

Commander, John Roe.

*Alternate.**Delegate.*

*C. E. Hillis.

*S. B. Shotwell.

Perry Mayo.

H. H. Miller.

Past Commanders.

Ephram Marble.

*Henry A. Clute.

Henry H. Miller.

John Cuzzins.

Arthur Phillips.

S. W. Thompson.

David Walkinshaw.

C. F. Walter.

MURRAY POST NO. 168, MAPLE CITY.

Chartered August 11, 1883.

Membership 18.

Commander, Wm. L. Bickle.

*Alternate.**Delegate.*

Louis Downer.

D. McLaughlin.

Past Commanders.

Marvin LaCore.

N. W. Harrington.

J. W. Dickerman.

Wm. Bickle.

A. S. Fritz.

John Dayo.

Chester McIntyre.

Abner S. Fritz.

LUMBARD POST NO. 170, PETOSKEY.

Chartered August 11, 1883.

Membership 75

Commander, T. S. Langridge.

*Alternates.**Delegates.*

W. A. Lawton.

Geo. H. Smith.

C. B. Henika.

Thos. B. Hamilton.

Past Commanders.

Jos. A. C. Rowan.	Edwin F. Dunton.
Ora E. Clark.	H. A. Crull.
Louis A. Labadie.	Alex. Worden.
V. A. Baker.	Levi B. Rogers.
Chas. B. Henika.	Thos. Keyes.
Jas. Buckley.	Edward W. Tracy.
Melvin Burch.	Wilbur F. Lawton.
Horace Pardee.	

DECATUR BELDING POST NO. 172, NORTH STAR.

Chartered September 25, 1895.

Membership 10.

Delegate.

Commander, W. E. Roberston.

Alternate.

Past Commanders.

JULIUS T. BARETT POST NO. 173, CARSON CITY.

Chartered August 22, 1883.

Membership 46.

Delegate.

Commander, *Geo. R. Gibbs.

Alternate.

John McCuaig.

C. W. Churchell.

Past Commanders.

C. H. Morse.	Alex. McCuaig.
Geo. W. Garner.	A. J. Chambers.
L. M. Lyon.	Geo. R. Gibbs.
E. M. Howell.	G. D. VanDusen.
W. A. Sweet.	C. A. Hamlin.
Jas. F. Fillmore.	D. M. Shelley.
J. K. Ackley.	

E. B. STILES POST NO. 174, HANCOCK.

Chartered August 30, 1883.

Membership 27.

Delegate.

Commander, Graham Pope.

Alternate.

Chas. Smith.

A. J. Scott.

Past Commanders.

A. J. Scott.	Arno Jachnig.
W. H. Mason.	H. B. Rogers.
Geo. Johnson.	Chas. Smith.

C. F. SMITH POST NO. 175, ESCANABA.

Chartered September 1, 1883.

Membership 13.

Delegate.

Commander, Emil Glaser.

Alternate.

Maurice Boyl.

Hiram Williams.

Past Commanders.

A. H. Rolph.	John G. Walters.
Norman A. Eddy.	Samuel Atkins.
John Power.	Emil Glaser.

MONTCALM POST NO. 176, STANTON.

Chartered December 6, 1895.

Membership 21.

Delegate.

Commander, Chas. W. Blumberg.

Alternate.

A. J. Rickard.

Thos. E. Dunn.

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Past Commanders.

Thos. N. Stevens.
James C. Percival.
E. D. Childs.
Henry M. Hempteed.
Asa Morse.
John C. Grooms.

Chas. H. Miner.
Geo. E. Barber.
Edwin Porter.
Chas. W. Blumberg.
John Steele.

CHAS. S. TRAVERSE POST NO. 177, CAPAC.

Chartered August 17, 1883.

Membership 21.

Commander, Fred Ross.

Delegate.

A. C. Fairbrother.

Alternate.

A. A. Smith.

Past Commanders.

A. C. Fairbrother.
R. C. McNaught.
Andrew Curry.
Chester Williams.

Ezra S. Frantz.
Wm. C. Huggett.
A. A. Smith.
B. I. Wade.

TOM CUSTER POST NO. 178, SHEERIDAN.

Chartered August 29, 1883.

Membership 19.

Commander, C. D. Harris.

Delegate.

Jos. Bacon.

Alternate.

S. M. Crandall.

Past Commanders.

Samuel Sage.
Daniel Fero.
Lorenzo Allen.

D. A. Pond.
C. D. Harris.
A. J. Greenhoe.

DEWITT C. RUSSELL POST NO. 179, BRIGHTON.

Chartered August 30, 1883.

Membership 24.

Commander, G. W. Pentlin.

Delegate.

L. H. Westphal.

Alternate.

J. W. Fulton.

Past Commanders.

Wm. W. Pentlin.
G. V. Baadeke.
Mart Featherly.
James Shanks.

H. P. Martin.
*Daniel Smith.
Thos. Stoken.
G. J. Roeteke.

CARPENTER POST NO 180, YPSILANTI.

Chartered August 30, 1883.

Membership 59.

Commander, *S. A. Ferguson.

Delegate.

*S. L. Shaw.

Alternate.

Nelson B. Tuttle.

Past Commanders.

*E. P. Allen.
J. O. Chapman.
S. B. Merness.
J. F. Wise.
*Jerome Allen.
Eugene Holbrook.
*C. S. Barrett.

*D. W. Shipman.
*J. H. Woodman.
*H. S. Boutell.
*A. D. L. Kinsley.
*J. C. Tuttle.
Frank Joslyn.
O. P. Showers.
Peter Stiffin.

HEBER LE FAVOUR POST NO 181, MILFORD.

Chartered September 3, 1883.

Membership 101.

<i>*Commander, Samuel W. McCall.</i>	
<i>Delegates.</i>	<i>Alternates.</i>
<i>*James D. Rowe.</i>	Albert Manypenny.
<i>*Newton B. Babcock.</i>	Pat. Ormond.
<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Walter Crawford.	Robt. F. Potts.
Lynnan Cate.	Geo. W. Sturdevant.
<i>*O. D. Stephens.</i>	<i>*Joseph Allen.</i>
<i>*C. D. Stevens.</i>	<i>*Judson Fielden.</i>
<i>*Silas Bullard.</i>	H. Walter Nichols.
Willis L. Smith.	<i>*Spencer D. Lee.</i>
<i>*Alex. J. McCall.</i>	H. A. Rexford.
<i>*Andrew Muir.</i>	H. S. White.
<i>*J. F. Beaumont.</i>	

HENRY DOBSON POST NO. 182, FREMONT.

Chartered September 18, 1883.

Membership 72.

<i>Commander, Frank R. Bacon.</i>	
<i>Delegates.</i>	<i>Alternates.</i>
Shinar Preston.	Geo. Seymour.
<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
C. R. Rathbone.	F. A. Bacon.
E. E. Giddings.	S. G. Allen.
Daniel Squiers.	M. D. Cole.
A. M. Phelps.	

J. B. McPHERSON POST NO. 183, HOLLY.

Chartered September 20, 1883.

Membership 19.

<i>Commander, L. M. Newell.</i>	
<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
Chas. Woodruff.	<i>*G. L. Smith.</i>
<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
<i>*Silas Fletcher.</i>	L. M. Newell.
<i>*D. W. Thompson.</i>	Edwin J. Eisenberg.
Frank Downey.	

JOHN BROWN POST NO. 184, DETROIT.

Chartered September 24, 1883.

Membership 16.

<i>Commander, Geo. W. Moore.</i>	
<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
<i>*Othello Crosby.</i>	Jos. Barber.
<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
<i>*Samuel Smith.</i>	Isaac Fielder.

HACKETT POST NO. 185, BRONSON.

Chartered September 25, 1883.

Membership 44.

<i>Commander, Roman L. Whipple.</i>	
<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
C. W. Albertson.	Miles Whipple.
<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Charles Hamilton.	<i>*Frank E. Hadley.</i>
John Taggart.	James P. Allen.
Henry Lilly.	Wills Knapp.
David Gibbs.	Lyman Carpenter.
Geo. H. Bolton.	Daniel Rich.

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FRANK POWELL POST NO. 187, OXFORD.

Chartered September 27, 1883.

Membership 34.

Commander, W. O. Davis.
Delegate. J. C. Predmore. *Alternate.* *Thos. Morrison.
Past Commanders.
 C. H. Crawford. H. E. Nichols.
 Gleason F. Perry. W. O. Davis.
 L. L. Hoffman.

GEO. C. WHITNEY POST NO. 188, HADLEY.

Chartered October 5, 1883.

Membership 24.

Commander, Lucius Sanborn.
Delegate. V. A. Bailey. *Alternate.* *Wm. Hartwig.
Past Commanders.
 Geo. Thompson. Geo. A. Cramton.
 J. P. Suiter. F. M. Goodale.
 N. N. Green. Lucius Sanborn.

WALLACE BROWN POST NO. 190, BIRCH RUN.

Chartered October 12, 1883.

Membership 13.

*Commander, John Irish.
Delegate. Benj. Fisher. *Alternate.* Austin Sheley.
Past Commanders.
 W. H. Fergason. *Victor B. Rottiers.
 John Cook. Richard M. Johnson.
 Wm. H. H. Douglas. Milton Hadsal.

O. J. FAST POST NO. 193, MENDON.

Chartered October 19, 1883.

Membership 17.

Commander, Henry Huff.
Delegate. *Alternate.*

JAMES BRADLEY POST NO. 194, CLIO.

Chartered October 28, 1883.

Membership 33.

Commander, J. Lonsberry.
Delegate. *A. D. Rundlet. *Alternate.* H. H. Montney.
Past Commanders.
 Samuel L. Curry. J. W. Buffinn.
 W. H. Sargent. E. E. Eckles.
 W. H. Russell. Geo. Van Nest.
 Chas. Wolson.

L. C. WOODMAN POST NO. 196, LAWTON.

Chartered October 28, 1883.

Membership 46.

Commander, Jerome Stone.
Delegate. Harrison Kimball. *Alternate.* Chas. Hooper.
Past Commanders.
 Melvin Hayes. James H. Hall.
 George Beldon. Chas. Hooper.
 John Mahard. E. F. Newell.
 Smith Miller. Benj. Burlington.

JOHN TUCKER POST NO. 197, ORTONVILLE.

Chartered November 2, 1883.

Membership 18.

Commander, W. O. Davis.

Delegate.

*J. F. Wilder.

Alternate.

Chas. Perry.

Past Commanders.

Delos Adams.

J. R. Kipp.

Wm. H. Moore.

*F. M. Jones.

JAMES STEDMAN POST NO. 198, REED CITY.

Chartered November 5, 1883.

Membership 24.

Commander, Alpheus Florida.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

S. C. Bratt.

Chas. Randall.

Daniel Donivan.

R. Russell.

*H. C. Stoddard.

David Randall.

W. W. Corbett.

Charles Williams.

Jerry Mann.

PERRY BAKER POST NO. 200, CARLETON.

Chartered November 15, 1883.

Membership 18.

Commander, Geo. H. Post.

Delegate.

C. Burke.

Alternate.

Geo. Wingel.

Past Commanders.

H. D. Smith.

F. R. Hawley.

W. C. Watson.

F. Ballin.

John Baker.

J. Fahnestock.

Walter Viles.

M. L. Baker.

MCGINLEY POST NO. 201, MANISTEE.

Chartered December 6, 1883.

Membership 29.

Commander, E. W. Muenschner.

Delegate.

James Henderson.

Alternate.

C. D. Gardner.

Past Commanders.

Geo. A. Hart.

Allen McKee.

Wm. F. Brain.

J. F. Albro.

ALBERT NYE POST NO. 202, ROME.

Chartered December 13, 1883.

Membership 25.

Commander, *Freeborn H. Price.

Delegate.

*John J. Casey.

Alternate.

Wesley Brooks.

Past Commanders.

E. R. Sanderson.

Freeborn Price.

O. D. Thompson.

*S. Vandecar.

William Smith.

O. S. Perry.

George A. Hines.

*H. S. White.

G. H. EWING POST NO. 203, STOCKBRIDGE.

Chartered December 14, 1883.

Membership 24.

Commander, E. G. Pierce.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

E. B. Parks.

A. G. Miller.

F. A. Stephen.

Lucius Bowdish.

W. H. Collins.

L. B. QUACKENBUSH POST NO. 205, OWOSSO.

Chartered December 21, 1883.

Membership 87.

Commander, Willard Knapp.

*Delegates.*H. C. Everetts.
G. L. Osborn.*Alternates.*Wellington White.
Chas. Jackson.*Past Commanders.*Chas. Freeman.
A. B. Crane.
*Julius Frieske.
Wm. H. Beatty.
O. F. Webster.
Chas. L. Paris.
J. H. Moyses.
*M. C. Dawes.*W. R. Smith.
Robert Gray.
*John Q. Adams.
Thos. M. Wiley.
Wm. Guipe.
J. J. Mackey.
S. W. Sadler.
*Duane C. Cooper.**MAJOR WEBER POST NO. 206, BELLAIRE.**

Chartered December 21, 1883.

Membership 36.

Commander, James White.

Delegate.

*John Bush.

Alternate.

E. Dunson.

*Past Commanders.*Henry W. Stewart.
Rossell Leavitt.
Arthur Watkins.
Wm. J. May.Silas York.
James C. Abbott.
Elijah Baker.
F. W. Bechtold.**GEO. A. CUSTER POST NO. 208, GALIEN.**

Chartered December 28, 1883.

Membership 21.

Commander, Samuel Jackson.

Delegate.

William B. Crocker.

Alternate.

Francis Hanover.

*Past Commanders.*Henry Keefer.
Wm. H. Beach.
Alonzo Goodenough.
B. F. Yaw.Dan W. Swem.
Wm. F. Swem.
Geo. Roberts.
John Penwell.**ELI ALVORD POST NO. 209, MONTGOMERY.**

Chartered December 27, 1883.

Membership 20.

Commander, E. R. Fitzsimmons.

Delegate.

E. A. Cahon.

Alternate.

B. A. Cook.

*Past Commanders.*E. R. Fitzsimmons.
C. W. Hall.
C. R. Dillon.
H. Bigbey.C. J. Reynolds.
Robt. Kelso.
T. D. Butler.**E. H. HOLLINGSWORTH POST NO. 210, ALBION.**

Chartered January 4, 1884.

Membership 56.

Commander, *Spencer Stevens.

Delegate.

Reuben Page.

Alternate.

*Ben Wheat.

*Past Commanders.*O. G. Hubbard.
S. D. Wiley.
W. E. Bregette.
J. H. Perine.
*C. F. Smith.*W. M. Loder.
Wm. Hastings.
F. E. Palmer.
*H. F. Gilbert.
J. O. Banks.

WM. H. BORDEN POST NO. 211, IONIA.

Chartered December 28, 1883.

Membership 101.

Commander, J. L. Fowler.

*Delegates.*C. A. Preston.
E. D. Merritt.*Alternates.*J. Sherman.
*Ichabud Buck.*Past Commanders.**J. H. Kidd.
M. M. Currier.
*James H. Laden.
*O. H. Perry.
C. A. Cornell.
James Greenman.J. L. Fowle.
M. L. Pike.
D. A. Jewell.
Chas. Eyster.
F. S. Hutchinson.
I. Buck.**JOS. B. MASON POST NO. 213, BELLEVUE.**

Chartered January 4, 1884.

Membership 39.

Commander, W. M. Hawley.

Delegate.

*S. W. Gibson.

Alternate.

H. Dilno.

*Past Commanders.*J. A. Berchard.
L. B. Cook.
Alex. McKenzie.
G. F. Anson.
Wm. Hawley.
Herbert Dilno.F. Hughes.
R. B. Bishop.
Henry Dilno.
Geo. P. Stevens.
*S. W. Gibson.**WM. RICHARDSON POST NO. 214, MILLINGTON.**

Chartered January 4, 1884.

Membership 25.

Commander, *L. J. Beers.

Delegate.

*A. M. Davis.

Alternate.

J. A. Case.

*Past Commanders.**Samuel Atwood.
*Elijah Howard.
Freeman J. Fitchworth.
Irving Van Wagnor.
*Wm. I. Markes.
John A. Case.
Edward Caine.Alford Bingham.
P. P. Cone.
*Ruben Wilber.
Wm. N. Storms.
*Sheldon Webster.
*Wm. J. Hains.
*S. T. Damon.**JOSEPH SMITH POST NO. 215, FULTON.**

Chartered January 12, 1884.

Membership 25.

Commander, L. U. Lyon.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.**U. C. Case.
Thos. Hope.
Arthur Longman.
A. A. Holcomb.Warren Mullen.
O. M. Gates.
H. H. Kindig.
J. N. Barker.**H. D. TERRY POST NO. 216, MT. CLEMENS.**

Chartered January 7, 1884.

Membership 41.

Commander, *James Wade.

Delegate.

Nelson H. Miller.

Alternate.

Louis Guiette.

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Past Commanders.

Judson S. Farrar.
Wm. Jenney.
*Samuel Trew.
*Rozell Widrig.
*Louis A. Allor.
*Joseph Immen.
*J. F. Cotton.

Edgar Weeks.
*Geo. W. Robertson.
*James A. Price.
*M. L. Skillmann.
*Edwin Tharrett.
*August Steitzer.
Jonathan Widrig.

W. B. WELLS POST NO. 218, LUTHER.

Chartered January 8, 1884.

Membership 42.

Commander, Chas. B. Streeter.

Delegate.

Ernest Nicholson.

Alternate.

E. P. Willard.

Past Commanders.

A. Woodruff.
A. A. Miner.
G. Gundrum.
Jobe Bremer.

A. Ferris.
J. W. Nicholson.
N. R. Menold.
Wm. Judd.

HENRY BAXTER POST NO. 219, JONESVILLE.

Chartered January 10, 1884.

Membership 7.

Commander, Ely H. Reynolds.

Delegate.

C. R. Fisk.

Alternate.

S. R. Betgan.

Past Commanders.

S. J. Snook.
Dorr Darling.

Wm. Cooley.
S. W. Coffin.

BRADLEY POST NO. 221, HARRISON.

Chartered January 16, 1884.

Membership 17.

Commander, H. W. Hughes.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Culver Patterson.
A. M. Keeler.
James Quick.
Edwin J. Walton.

Alex. Van Brocklin.
S. H. Heath.
Cyrus Withey.
Geo. Shipman.

HENRY C. BEEBE POST NO. 223, RICHMOND.

Chartered February 7, 1884.

Membership 28.

Commander, A. M. Keeler.

Delegate.

*J. H. Quick.

Alternate.

E. S. Hunt.

*Past Commanders.***BUDDOCK POST NO. 224, CHEBOYGAN.**

Chartered February 8, 1884.

Membership 49.

Commander, Geo. P. Humphrey.

Delegate.

Geo. V. Brill.

Alternate.

*C. S. Ramsay.

Past Commanders.

Geo. P. Humphrey.
John Baker.
Robt. Brahman.
Wm. N. Cross.

Philip O'Brien.
Geo. V. Brill.
E. A. Bouchard.

GEO. MARTIN POST NO. 227, EAST PORT.

Chartered February 22, 1884.

Membership 29.

Commander, J. H. McPherson.		<i>Alternate.</i>
<i>Delegate.</i>		John McEwen.
S. B. Anway.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
J. S. Arnold.		Dr. C. Chamberlain.
John McPherson.		Daniel Blakely.
J. R. Child.		Wm. Greenman.

FAIRCHILDS POST NO. 228, GRASS LAKE.

Chartered February 22, 1884.

Membership 20.

Commander, John E. Erwin.		<i>Alternate.</i>
<i>Delegate.</i>		
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	

HARVEY TUCKER POST NO. 229, MARINE CITY.

Chartered February 22, 1884.

Membership 15.

Commander, Alex. Stearns.		<i>Alternate.</i>
<i>Delegate.</i>		G. Horn.
Louis Cohrs.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
John W. Ackley.		Isaac Colby.
*Wm. Baird.		Emulus Adam.
Ira Marks.		Geo. Hornbusel.
Henry Manchester.		Wm. Kiddle.

EDDY POST NO. 231, PLYMOUTH.

Chartered February 22, 1884.

Membership 10.

Commander, Walter Kenster.		<i>Alternate.</i>
<i>Delegate.</i>		
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*M. R. Weeks.		

MILO WARNER POST NO. 232, CASS CITY.

Chartered February 27, 1884.

Membership 15.

Commander, D. P. Deming.		<i>Alternate.</i>
<i>Delegate.</i>		
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Geo. S. Farrar.		J. M. Fenn.

OSCAR BARTLETT POST NO. 233, WALES.

Chartered February 4, 1884.

Membership 22.

Commander, *Wm. Baldock.		<i>Alternate.</i>
<i>Delegate.</i>		A. L. Peck.
*Orville Cowles.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
William Grunwell.		Henry Maurer.
Elihu Ackerman.		H. C. Mudge.
*Wm. Smith.		Newell Bowers.
B. M. Jenne.		*Geo. White.
*Jos. Nestle.		

THIRTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

O. H. READ POST NO. 234, HUBBARDSTON.

Chartered March 4, 1884.

Membership 27.

Commander, E. H. Smith.

Delegate.

*Jacob P. Schoeni.

Alternate.

M. F. Graham.

Past Commanders.

E. H. Smith.

J. A. Churchill.

A. A. Moore.

H. W. Hitchcock.

H. W. Browne.

A. S. Harris.

E. C. Read.

WALTER CLIFFORD POST NO. 235, BOYNE CITY.

Chartered March 20, 1884.

Membership 21.

Commander, John A. Newvill.

Delegate.

Geo. Heaton.

Alternate.

A. E. Martin.

Past Commanders.

John A. Newvill.

F. M. Gates.

John Jones.

*Wm. Mears.

PETER A. WEBER POST NO. 237, ROCKFORD.

Chartered March 20, 1884.

Membership 24.

Commander, Chas. A. Jaqua.

Delegate.

P. R. Perry.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

E. C. Watkins.

A. L. Picket.

G. A. Sage.

C. F. Sears.

Chas. A. Haner.

James Eadie.

RANDALL POST NO. 238, COOPERSVILLE.

Chartered March 13, 1884.

Membership 14.

Commander, E. L. Washburn.

Delegate.

Henry Ferguson.

Alternate.

Geo. Haas.

Past Commanders.

John Jackson.

Eli Karney.

John Cavney.

Hiram Ames.

MARVIN POST NO. 240, GRAYLING.

Chartered March 20, 1884.

Membership 27.

Commander, Adelbert Taylor.

Delegate.

Wright Havens.

Alternate.

R. P. Forbes.

Past Commanders.

*O. Palmer.

Dell Smith.

A. L. Pond.

W. S. Chalker.

*A. C. Wilcox.

LEONARD MAUCH POST NO. 241, WOODLAND.

Chartered April 2, 1884.

Membership 14.

Commander, Alson Hill.

Delegate.

Geo. Van Aman.

Alternate.

Wm. Koons.

Past Commanders.

D. B. Kilpatrick.

John H. Rogers.

J. M. Reiser.

Nathaniel Whiting.

Joshua Dillenback.

J. H. Landis.

A. W. Dillenback.

Harrison Long.

FRANK MASON POST NO. 242, ATHENS.

Chartered April 5, 1884.

Membership 21.

Delegate.

Henry Kahler.

Commander. J. H. Paul.

Alternate.

Stephen Huxley.

Past Commanders.

B. F. Taylor.

Herman T. Watkins.

Jas. E. Mason.

Henry Kahler.

Jas. Oldacre.

Joel Lee.

Elias Foote.

FIGHTING DICK POST NO. 243, SPARTA.

Chartered April 5, 1884.

Membership 10.

Delegate.

A. Grawn.

Commander, W. L. Van Antwerp.

Alternate.

Calvin Crain.

Past Commanders.

A. B. Cheney.

A. Grawn.

JOSEPH MASON POST NO. 248, WACOSTA.

Chartered April 25, 1884.

Membership 20.

Delegate.

H. P. Cutler.

Commander, L. F. Conrad.

Alternate.

N. S. Wells.

Past Commanders.

Quincy L. Taylor.

Geo. W. Watson.

Henry M. Burnes.

Chas. F. Andrus.

WA-BU-NO POST NO. 250, MT. PLEASANT.

Chartered April 24, 1884.

Membership 62.

Delegate.

*Chas. J. Jeffords.

Commander, Samuel J. Morrison.

Alternate.

La Fayette Hall.

Past Commanders.

John A. Harris.

H. E. Deuell.

*Warner Churchill.

Samuel R. Morrison.

J. T. JONES POST NO. 252, HOWARD CITY.

Chartered April 29, 1884.

Membership 46.

Delegate.

*John C. Salmon.

Commander, H. W. Perkins.

Alternate.

B. C. Moore.

Past Commanders.

Geo. M. Doty.

C. Walling.

J. N. Clark.

O. J. Knapp.

J. A. Dockaway.

L. L. Church.

LONSON POST NO. 255, MAYVILLE.

Chartered May 29, 1884.

Membership 27.

Delegate.

L. H. Van Antwerp.

Commander, *A. L. Bryant.

Alternate.

Austin Dumaw.

Past Commanders.

A. B. Markham.

J. R. Perry.

F. C. Michael.

*J. W. Janes.

Geo. Richards.

Geo. Pierce.

F. H. Kitchen.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

WM. M. FENTON POST NO. 258, ST. IGNACE.

Chartered June 21, 1884.

Membership 21.

Commander, P. D. Bissell.

Delegate.

Frank S. Walker.

Alternate.

A. J. Gennell.

*Past Commanders.*Jesse Warren.
H. B. Cornell.
W. H. Cushing.J. B. Tawlyn.
S. A. Snyder.**A. STEWART POST NO. 259, LITCHFIELD.**

Chartered June 24, 1884.

Membership 33.

Commander, L. A. Howard.

Delegate.

James Drinkwater.

Alternate.

*G. W. Dobson.

*Past Commanders.*Wm. Shepard.
Frank Barber.
Chas. P. White.
O. H. Chapman.Cor. Hadley.
E. A. Shattuck.
Wm. Van Giesen.
Frank Barber.**CORY POST NO. 261, WAYNE.**

Chartered July 12, 1884.

Membership 34.

Commander, *Duffy Duquett.

Delegate.

*Daniel S. Huntley.

Alternate.

John Kneeland.

*Past Commanders.**F. Walden.
Leroy Adams.
*A. S. Hill.
*A. W. Thompson.
*Peter C. Bird.J. M. Orr.
*S. R. Kingsley.
*Robert Bird.
*Joseph Smith.
R. Monroe.**A. C. VAN BAALTE POST NO. 262, HOLLAND.**

Chartered July 17, 1884.

Membership 39.

Commander, *P. H. McBride.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Lewis De Kraker.

*Past Commanders.**John Kramer.
Peter D. Suiter.
*Benj. Van Raalte.*D. B. K. Van Raalte.
Peter Walnes.
A. J. Ward.**GEN. HARKER POST NO. 263, VANDERBILT.**

Chartered July 7, 1884.

Membership 19.

Commander, *John G. Berry.

Delegate.

Wm. Karslake.

Alternate.

Geo. Bolinger.

*Past Commanders.*N. C. G. Ashley.
T. C. Woodin.
W. H. Claspill.Royal Stone.
G. C. Crissey.
T. C. Woodin.**JACKSON COREY POST NO. 264, WOLVERINE.**

Chartered June, 1904.

Membership 9.

Commander, A. W. Eck.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

LYON POST NO. 266, MENOMINEE.

Chartered August 2, 1884.

Membership 34.

Delegate.

A. B. Be Dell.

Commander, Alonzo Dunning.

Alternate.

C. E. Jenkins.

Past Commanders.

A. Whitehorn.
B. T. Phillips.
M. C. Caughey.
Andrew Gram.
A. B. Wells.

A. B. BeDell.
J. C. Sherman.
M. Durocher.
Ira Carley.
C. H. Jones.

MARK THOMPSON POST NO. 269, PLAINWELL.

Chartered August 6, 1884.

Membership 36.

Delegate.

Chas. Macomber.

Commander, O. Tomlinson.

Alternate.

H. L. Lane.

Past Commanders.

Chas. Mason.
Chas. Adams.
W. D. Talbot.
John H. Madden.

John B. Swan.
H. S. Stratton.
B. L. Kahler.
Arthur Hazelwood.

F. A. BUHL POST NO. 270, ECORSE.

Chartered February 27, 1890.

Membership 20.

Delegate.

William Coleman.

*Commander, John Todd.

Alternate.

*Sylvester Hall.

Past Commanders.

John Hills.
*Lewis Montry.
*John Conard.

*Euphratus Ross.
Preston R. Warner.

BOYS-IN-BLUE POST NO. 271, MECOSTA.

Chartered August 15, 1884.

Membership 18.

Delegate.

Jerome B. Wilcox.

Commander, Chas. Hinman.

Alternate.

Hiram Belcher.

Past Commanders.

Joseph Linebaugh.
F. J. Shaler.

*J. B. Wilcox.

LUCIUS TAYLOR POST NO. 274, MILAN.

Chartered September 1, 1884.

Membership 33.

Delegate.

*James E. Deliforce.

Commander, John A. Jackson.

Alternate.

W. P. Draper.

Past Commanders.

*A. D. Jackson.
John Steidler.
Amos Wisdom.
*Wesley Robison.
*Chas. A. Heath.

*James E. Johnson.
*D. Case.
*S. H. Evans.
*Herbert Taylor.

LEWIS CLARK POST NO. 275, OLIVET.

Chartered September 8, 1884.

Membership 17.

Delegate.

Wm. Green.

Commander, Myron A. Hance.

Alternate.

J. A. Sloan.

Past Commanders.

Geo. W. Keys.
 Geo. Galusha.
 W. E. C. Wright.
 Lester B. Taggart.
 S. K. May.
 Wm. Rogers.

N. D. Lamphear.
 James H. Bosworth.
 Geo. W. Sweet.
 Chas. H. Wilson.
 Henry Ramalie.
 M. H. Hance.

BRADFIELD POST NO. 276, ADA.

Chartered September 8, 1884.

Membership 16.

Commander, W. W. Thomas.

Delegate.

R. B. Harris.

Alternate.

Luther Densmore.

Past Commanders.

Chas. F. Holt.
 Wm. Lawyer.
 W. F. Dickerson.
 Stephen LaBarge.

Alfred Turner.
 John Hulbert.
 William Grant.
 David W. Winters.

H. S. BURNETT POST NO. 278, WEST BAY CITY.

Chartered September 12, 1884.

Membership 18.

Commander, G. A. Allen.

Delegate.

*Wm. Barrett.

Alternate.

J. Rosenbush.

Past Commanders.

W. I. Lee.
 *A. W. Dorland.

Geo. A. Allen.
 *H. H. Aplin.
 E. T. Carrington.

PERKINS POST NO. 279. SPRING LAKE.

Chartered September 16, 1884.

Membership 9.

Commander, M. Walsh.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

C. P. Brown.
 Geo. Valmer.

M. T. Reed.
 S. S. Rideout.

AMOS E. STEELE POST NO. 280, NORTH MUSKEGON.

Chartered September 17, 1884.

Membership 17.

Commander, Samuel M. Croft.

Delegate.

*Joseph Wixson.

Alternate.

F. M. Fowler.

Past Commanders.

Chas. E. Storrs.
 Joseph Avery.
 James E. Sovacool.
 B. L. Andrews.

Zoar H. Bates.
 M. Stilson.
 Geo. R. Kinsman.

MORGAN PARKER POST NO. 281, PETERSBURG.

Chartered October 18, 1884.

Membership 23.

Commander, J. M. Elder.

Delegate.

*T. Brenningstall.

Alternate.

Moses Upell.

Past Commanders.

*H. J. Brenningstall.

SAMUEL W. GRINNELL POST NO. 283, SUNFIELD.

Chartered October 23, 1884.

Membership 21.

Commander, William Edwins.		<i>Alternate.</i>
<i>Delegate.</i>		Jos. Fleetham.
Spencer Leigh.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
E. W. Taylor.	A. Kreamer.	
Geo. Richards.	I. Eldred.	
S. York.	C. Richards.	
B. Peabody.	L. M. Peck.	
T. Lusk.	F. Linhart.	

HENRY H. KNAPP POST NO. 284, DAVISON.

Chartered October 16, 1884.

Membership 22.

Commander, John Reeser.		<i>Alternate.</i>
<i>Delegate.</i>		J. F. Cortwright.
Josiah Langley.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*L. D. McAllister.	J. Cooley.	
*Wm. M. Knapp.	Alex. Campbell.	
L. G. Adams.	C. B. Smith.	
*A. A. Elmore.	A. A. Conger.	
B. F. Sanford.	S. G. Comstock.	
*J. Cottrell.	Wm. N. Monroe.	

COL. STEWART POST NO. 285, TUSTIN.

Chartered October 28, 1884.

Membership 17

Commander, J. W. Loomis.		<i>Alternate.</i>
<i>Delegate.</i>		Jerry Miller.
Wm. E. Waldron.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
R. H. Jones.	John Stansell.	

FRANK FOWLER POST NO. 286, FIPE LAKE.

Chartered October 28, 1884.

Membership 27.

Commander, H. E. Davis.		<i>Alternate.</i>
<i>Delegate.</i>		Geo. Raider.
*John W. Safford.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Geo. Hart.	D. McAley.	
A. M. Wansey.	W. E. Clarke.	
Miles Bryant.		

B. F. CHAPIN POST NO. 287, CHESHIRE.

Chartered November 9, 1884.

Membership 16.

Commander, C. V. Nash.		<i>Alternate.</i>
<i>Delegate.</i>		C. H. Lawrence.
Jos. Cross.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
R. C. Harmon.	W. H. Stout.	
W. G. Rowe.	S. S. Stout.	
James H. Barkhead.	G. W. Lewis.	

JOHN H. ANDREWS POST NO. 288, LACOTA.

Chartered March 3, 1890.

Membership 26.

Commander, D. A. Beebe.		<i>Alternate.</i>
<i>Delegate.</i>		Samuel Johnson.
Chas. Gardner.		

Past Commanders.

E. Deming.
L. Dalrymple.
Zenoa Woody.
D. A. Beebe.

O. P. Carmon.
*H. P. Gillespie.
Bently Cook.

HENRY C. PRATT POST NO. 289, MACKINAC ISLAND.

Chartered December 2, 1884.

Membership 13.

Commander, Geo. W. Marshall.

Delegate.

Geo. E. Rogers.

Alternate.

Dan. B. Mills.

Past Commanders.

Wm. P. Preston.
Theodore Rieths.
Andrew Chapman.
Benoni Lachance.
P. McCormick.

John McWebster.
Patrick Kerrigan.
Wm. Marshall.
Gregory Lambert.
Edwin M. Coates.

ANDREWS POST NO. 294, BIG RAPIDS.

Chartered January 15, 1885.

Membership 89.

Commander, *E. C. Moore.

Delegates.

*D. A. Moore.
*W. P. Nisbett.

Alternates.

Col. E. Allen.
John Cole.

Past Commanders.

D. E. Stearns.
Geo. M. Davidson.
W. D. Moody.
Geo. G. Jenkins.
A. B. Knapp.

W. A. Whitney.
W. Miller.
F. O. Vandersluis.
Geo. M. Gotchell.
M. Brown.

E. H. BRONSON POST NO. 295, GALESBURG.

Chartered February 7, 1885.

Membership 22.

Commander, A. A. Russell.

Delegate.

Andrew Allen.

Alternate.

J. K. Plummer.

Past Commanders.

A. A. Russell.
A. E. Stafford.

R. B. Mason.

CHAS. BROWN POST NO. 296, ALASKA.

Chartered March 2, 1885.

Membership 7.

Commander, Wm. N. Rowland.

Delegate.

Elisha Parker.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.***SIMON MALLISON POST NO. 298, PIERPORT.**

Chartered March 7, 1885.

Membership 23.

Commander, La Fayette C. Long.

Delegate.

Geo. E. Hill.

Alternate.

Leonard Reed.

Past Commanders.

J. L. Bradford.
C. W. Perry.

L. C. Long.

ALBERT JACKSON POST NO. 300, MARQUETTE.

Chartered March 7, 1885.

Membership 31.

Delegate.

J. S. Van Horn.

Commander, C. E. Moore.

Alternate.

W. W. Walker.

Past Commanders.

R. R. French.

A. O. Kruger.

John Dooley.

Chas. D. Blanchard.

P. C. Beanston.

*E. C. Anthony.

ORIN WHITCOMB POST NO. 302, BYRON CENTER.

Chartered March 30, 1885.

Membership 18.

Delegate.

R. F. Hanes.

Commander, N. F. Cooper.

Alternate.

Joe Pattingall.

Past Commanders.

Lyman Havens.

L. L. Hickox.

A. A. Palmer.

A. M. Green.

N. F. Cooper.

W. D. Moonnan.

W. Colley.

D. S. Irwin.

R. F. Hanes.

J. B. Morse.

BURSONS POST NO. 303, SCHOOLCRAFT.

Chartered April 16, 1885.

Membership 13.

Delegate.

Chas. Cronk.

Commander, E. D. Monroe.

Alternate.

E. J. Vreland.

Past Commanders.

John Gilchrist.

Will Fauckboner.

Albert Cornell.

M. S. Burson.

Albert Wager.

Will Snyder.

Frank Carlton.

MILTON WILLIAMS POST NO. 304, CLIFFORD.

Chartered April 23, 1885.

Membership 12.

Delegate.

Wm. A. Montgomery.

Commander, S. E. Spencer.

Alternate.

*Samuel Hate.

Past Commanders.

Harrison Bradshaw.

Geo. Irwin.

A. W. Cline.

W. Montgomery.

John Herenden.

D. Asletien.

John Van Etten.

BACON POST NO. 305, FENWICK.

Chartered April 30, 1885.

Membership 8.

Delegate.

Commander, S. G. Wheaton.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.***M. R. ROGERS POST NO. 308, IMLAY CITY.**

Chartered May 9, 1885.

Membership 12.

Delegate.

Commander, W. Harwood.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

THIRTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

WALTER ORR POST NO. 312, SCOTTS.

Chartered June 27, 1885.

Membership 9.

Delegate.

Commander, C. T. S. Cook.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.***HENRY DAGLE POST NO. 313, SOUTH BOARDMAN.**

Chartered July 22, 1905.

Membership 10.

Delegate.

H. D. Lathrop.

Commander, A. O. Clark.

Alternate.

D. F. Dorman.

Past Commanders.

John Dagle.

A. O. Clark.

WILTSIE POST NO. 314, SALINE.

Chartered June 12, 1885.

Membership 9.

Delegate.

Commander, E. W. Hunt.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.***CHAS. E. WENDELL POST NO. 316, GRANT.**

Chartered July 30, 1885.

Membership 26.

Commander, F. M. Jackson.

G. J. HUDSON POST NO. 317, MATTAWAN.

Chartered August 17, 1885.

Membership 15.

Delegate.

Peter Benwire.

Commander, L. G. Hunt.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Albert Newkirk.

J. M. Davidson.

H. Freeman.

B. F. Morris.

L. G. Hunt.

ALLEN M. HARMAN POST NO. 318, NORTHVILLE.

Chartered August 22, 1885.

Membership 39.

Delegate.

*Geo. F. Goodale.

*Commander, Thos. Calhoun.

Alternate.

Fred Le Loest.

Past Commanders.

*B. G. Webster.

T. P. Banks.

*H. O. Ward.

*E. K. Starkweather.

*James Taylor.

*J. W. Dolph.

*S. J. Lawrence.

Andrew Houk.

*O. B. Moore.

James Hamilton.

*E. K. Simonds.

*M. S. Nichols.

*Henry M. White.

*Thos. Calhoun.

*C. L. Brigham.

J. B. SACKETT POST NO. 320, PRAIRIEVILLE.

Chartered August 31, 1885.

Membership 17.

Delegate.

Felix Chamberlain.

Commander, F. A. Blackman.

Alternate.

John Ashley.

*Past Commanders.*Geo. Norwood.
N. H. Orr.Mark Norris.
F. A. Blackman.**GEO. J. LEIGHTON POST NO. 321, SPRINGPORT.**

Chartered September 1, 1885.

Membership 15.

Commander, Dewitt C. Faxon.

Delegate.

H. B. Yoxheimer.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*A. W. Soul.
Ben Evins.
Adam Craver.
Wm. Malcolm.S. D. Curtis.
Geo. Harris.
John Orrison.
H. B. Yoxheimer.**WILLIAM KERBY POST NO. 323, ASHLEY.**

Chartered September 14, 1885.

Membership 17.

Commander, N. B. Bowker.

Delegate.

*Chas. Manchester.

Alternate.

Geo. W. Harris.

*Past Commanders.*Nathan Roof.
N. B. Bowker.
E. Z. Fuller.David Duncan.
O. J. Sprague.**W. B. STUART POST NO. 324, CRYSTAL.**

Chartered September 12, 1885.

Membership 10.

Commander, Chauncy Pickell.

O. D. JACKSON POST NO. 326, POTTERVILLE.

Chartered September 25, 1885.

Membership 15.

Commander, A. R. Goodwin.

Delegate.

Frank Melbourn.

Alternate.

Wm. Motter.

*Past Commanders.*J. M. Henderson.
James Smalley.
Geo. Mauk.
A. P. Goodwin.N. O. Merritt.
Geo. Carneoney.
Frank Milbourn.**MYRON HAWLEY POST NO. 328, NAPOLEON.**

Chartered October 1, 1885.

Membership 12.

Commander, *A. P. Morris.

Delegate.

E. R. Tracy.

Alternate.

J. C. Carlinghouse.

*Past Commanders.*Wm. R. Fuller.
Murry Hess.
I. Kilburn.
Edwin Price.
John Carlinghouse.
I. L. Hawley.*A. P. Morris.
James Henderson.
L. A. Palmer.
V. Watson.
Wm. Drew.
L. M. Jones.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

COL. H. H. JEFFORDS POST NO. 330, DEXTER.

Chartered November 5, 1885.

Membership 11.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Chas. F. Bates.	<i>Alternate.</i>
*Elisha White.		D. Litchfield.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*L. C. Rodman.	M. E. McNeil.	
H. H. Wilson.	C. F. Bates.	
James Hanna.		

C. E. HILTON POST NO. 336, EAST GILEAD.

Chartered January 21, 1886.

Membership 12.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Chas. Miller.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Henry A. Kinsey.		Peter Casebeer.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
J. W. Parker.	Jackson Kanouse.	
C. W. Spade.	Myron Aldrich.	
C. H. Brooks.	Geo. O. Bixler.	
Samuel German.		

ALBERT SPERRY POST NO. 337, RAVENNA.

Chartered January 29, 1886.

Membership 13.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Orange Oagat.	<i>Alternate.</i>
John Gilbert.		Fred Plumhoff.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Albro Enos.	Henry Walker.	
Henry Hull.	John E. Hodgis.	
Fred Plumhoff.	Isaac R. Franks.	
James E. Noble.	F. D. Hoogstraat.	

MATHEW ARTIS POST NO. 341, CASSOPOLIS.

Chartered March 10, 1886.

Membership 13.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Abner R. Byrd.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Bennett Allen.		John Harris.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
B. E. Curtis.	Abner R. Byrd.	

E. H. LISCOLN POST NO. 343, SAULT STE. MARIE.

Chartered March 10, 1885.

Membership 14.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, James A. Troutt.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Frank La Londe.		James Joyce.
	<i>Past Commander.</i>	
Wm. P. Spalding.		

JOHN W. PURDY POST NO. 346, HAMILTON.

Chartered March 11, 1886.

Membership 10.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Jerry Arnett.	<i>Alternate.</i>
*John C. Holmes.		
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Ben. Laberge.	H. L. Beach.	
John C. Holmes.	O. Hoard.	
W. W. Burnett.		

BILLY CENSON POST NO. 347, BRECKENRIDGE.

Chartered March 16, 1886.

Membership 34.

Commander, Barney Swope.		Alternate.
<i>Delegate.</i>		James Toles.
Henry Shaffer.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*W. H. Weed.	P. P. Vannorman.	
Randolph Root.	J. B. Holbert.	
Thos. Holton.	*Chas. Wolverton.	
Charles Rooks.	C. K. Fox.	

S. D. HAIGHT POST NO. 348, SCOTVILLE.

Chartered March 27, 1886.

Membership 38.

Commander, Jasper N. Clark.		Alternate.
<i>Delegate.</i>		W. W. Robinson.
*J. C. Mutard.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Thomas Barnes.	H. M. Buty.	
Henry Jenks.	James Meads.	
A. J. Kinnie.	J. L. Toms.	
J. W. Griswold.	W. D. Cowan.	
F. Conrow.		

M. H. WHITNEY POST NO. 350, SAND LAKE.

Chartered April 9, 1886.

Membership 29.

Commander, Wellington Rasco.		Alternate.
<i>Delegate.</i>		Henry M. Bennett.
John Howe.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Wellington Rasco.	F. W. Hicks.	
Geo. H. Godfrey.	James Scutt.	
Wm. Sleight.	Alanson Dickenson.	

GEO. ALLEN POST NO. 351, COVERT.

Chartered April 15, 1886.

Membership 12.

Commander, Theo. B. Randell.		Alternate.
<i>Delegate.</i>		Marvin Tracy.
Adam Bowman.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Jacob Gunssul.	Osmer Letson.	
Geo. W. Morgan.	T. P. Randall.	
W. F. Conner.	*O. D. Darling.	

COMSTOCK POST NO. 352, MANCHESTER.

Chartered May 18, 1886.

Membership 31.

Commander, M. N. Hough.		Alternate.
<i>Delegate.</i>		*H. H. Fellows.
John Mount.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*James Kelley.	R. M. Teets.	
George Nisle.	G. B. Sherwood.	
*A. A. Stringham.	S. R. Sherwood.	
T. F. Bushton.	M. N. Hough.	

JAMES F. COVELL POST NO. 354, PALO.

Chartered May 16, 1886.

Membership 18.

Commander, Caleb Richardson.		Alternate.
<i>Delegate.</i>		Hiram Westfall.
Mathew Goody.		

THIRTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Past Commanders.

B. S. Everest.
Geo. Prankard.
John W. Howarth.
Henry Barrows.

Ira S. Jeffers.
Chas. M. North.
Caleb Richardson.

F. B. MYERS POST NO. 357, GAGETOWN.

Chartered July 14, 1886.

Membership 10.

Commander, C. F. Stearns.

Delegate.

*Theo. Burden.

Alternate.

R. S. Brown.

Past Commanders.

R. S. Brown.
L. Mathews.
E. Robertson.
*Theo. Burden.

*W. J. Brown.
*W. J. Williamson.
L. Mathews.

BOWLEY POST NO. 358, CLAYTON.

Chartered July 12, 1886.

Membership 20.

Commander, *H. F. Yarick.

Delegate.

*Harvey C. Dudley.

Alternate.

Byron Beach.

Past Commanders.

*D. H. Warren.
*A. E. Terwilliger.
B. F. Rockwell.
Ralph Taylor.
*Milton Townsend.

John Murty.
J. C. Gambee.
S. Spencer.
D. B. Wisner.
*John Wirtz.

CORBETT POST NO. 360, PALMYRA.

Chartered July 14, 1886.

Membership 26.

Commander, *Geo. Williams.

Delegate.

*William Wood.

Alternate.

Wm. Brown.

Past Commanders.

*M. T. Cole.
*Jared B. Bailey.
*E. Lewis.
W. H. Colwin.
*Fred Bay.
*Wm. Wood.

*John Bittey.
*Richard Bailey.
John Patterson.
*Geo. Southwick.
*Squire Johnson.

KILBOURN POST NO. 361, SHERWOOD.

Chartered September 27, 1886.

Membership 18.

Commander, Henry Runyan.

Delegate.

James Locke.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Henry Runyan.
James Locke.

*E. W. Watkins.
Wm. Farrand.

C. B. HUBBELL POST NO. 364, COLEMAN.

Chartered October 28, 1886.

Membership 14.

Commander, Fred Hanley.

Delegate.

W. J. Fife.

Alternate.

J. R. Petrie.

Past Commanders.

W. H. Saxton.
J. F. Koontz.
J. Kellogg.
F. Hanley.

H. Samson.
D. A. Curtice.
E. N. Carley.

CALDWELL POST NO. 365, LAKE CITY.

Chartered November 18, 1886.

Membership 43.

Delegate.

C. H. McCann.

*Commander, M. D. Richardson.

Alternate.

Chas. Reed.

Past Commanders.

*M. D. Richardson.
L. Klingensmith.
Wm. H. Miller.
Wm. Bartholomew.

N. Shults.
B. F. McManus.
H. S. Lamb.
S. A. Phillips.
L. Charter.

GORDON POST NO. 366, WHITE CLOUD.

Chartered July 18, 1886.

Membership 24.

Delegate.

Commander, E. T. Baker.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.***F. VEENFLEET POST NO. 368, REESE.**

Chartered November 18, 1886.

Membership 13.

Delegate.

John M. Weaver.

Commander, *Thos. Gulliver.

Alternate.

Wm. H. Lindsay.

Past Commanders.

D. Cole.
J. G. Van Buren.

E. Shook.
Jas. M. Higgins.

NOBLE POST NO. 369, GLADWIN.

Chartered January 3, 1887.

Membership 24.

Delegate.

Commander, Henry Madill.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.***W. B. HAZEN POST NO. 370, WEST BRANCH.**

Chartered January 18, 1887.

Membership 22.

Delegate.

John Smith.

Commander, John Boshaw.

Alternate.

W. H. Gard.

Past Commanders.

James E. Horton.
Benj. B. Priest.

E. J. Goodell.
John Smith.

A. H. FENN POST NO. 371, FENNVILLE.

Chartered February 3, 1887.

Membership 19.

Delegate.

W. H. McCormick.

Commander, Isaac Lameroux.

Alternate.

Aritus Turrell.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Past Commanders.

A. Turrell.
John Sherman.

Robert Rouse.

E. P. CASE POST NO. 372, BENZONIA.

Chartered March 5, 1887.

Membership 35.

Commander, Zenas E. Clark.

Delegate.

*Wm. Wilson.

Alternate.

Geo. Hunt.

Past Commanders.

*L. P. Judson.
Jos. Montgomery.
Roswell P. Reed.
H. M. Stanley.
John W. Van Deman.

J. C. Van Blaricom.
Wm. A. Joy.
I. P. Covey.
D. W. Phelps.

S. B. DOWNER POST NO. 374, PAERMA.

Chartered March 9, 1887.

Membership 12.

Commander, Chas. Adams.

Delegate.

Emory A. Miller.

Alternate.

R. B. Clark.

Past Commanders.

John P. Baker.
O. A. Rogers.
H. C. Anderson.
Frank Hoag.
Geo. Miller.

W. A. Matson.
Geo. Schwab.
Frank Gorton.
J. R. Godfrey.

WM. P. EVERETT POST NO. 377, ROCHESTER.

Chartered April 1, 1887.

Membership 30.

Commander, James C. Vorhes.

Delegate.

*John E. Clemens.

Alternate.

Robt. Patterson.

Past Commanders.

A. E. Collins.
E. H. Dewey.
J. R. Wortley.
*J. W. Eastman.
W. J. Fraser.

*A. O'Brien.
J. J. Snook.
*N. B. Taylor.
*H. L. Wood.

CHARLES BRADFORD POST NO. 379, BANNISTER.

Chartered March 23, 1887.

Membership 9.

Commander, Wm. H. Morrison.

Delegate.

H. Manning.

Alternate.

Jacob Bishop.

Past Commanders.

Edward Bensinger.
R. R. Smith.

John Riley.
W. C. Wooley.

JOHN STOCKTON POST NO. 380, NEW HAVEN.

Chartered April 23, 1887.

Membership 8.

Commander, *Geo. W. Dingman.

Delegate.

Wm. Campbell.

Alternate.

Wm. Betwee.

Past Commanders.

*L. Lutenbacher.

*J. E. Carl.

U. O. BRETZ POST NO. 382, LAKE ODESSA.

Chartered April 27, 1887.

Membership 35.

Delegate.

S. J. Justice.

Commander, *Steve Mallery.

Alternate.

H. H. Bosell.

Past Commanders.

Wallace Lovewell.
 *Edwin Tirman.
 John Bishop.
 *Thos. Leak.
 Abel Bywaters.
 Robt. Musgrove.

Martin Cox.
 A. A. Walters.
 Wm. Fink.
 *S. H. Mallery.
 C. J. Yager.

C. B. WHEELER POST NO. 383, MARTIN.

Chartered May 19, 1887.

Membership 8.

Delegate.

Commander, *W. D. Stayman.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.***DETROIT POST NO. 384, DETROIT.**

Chartered May 21, 1887.

Membership 112.

Delegates.

*Sam W. Burroughs.
 John S. Conant.

Commander, O. A. Janes.

Alternates.

Geo. C. Hopper.
 Alvin S. Clark.

Past Commanders.

*Henry M. Duffield.
 *Thos. A. Wadsworth.
 *Marvin Preston.
 *Sidney B. Dixon.
 Oscar R. Looker.
 *Robert Gibbons.
 James N. Cox.
 *Wm. S. Green.
 Wm. T. Gage.
 *Arba M. Seymour.
 Chas. A. Cooledge.
 *Dayton Parker.

*B. Jasnowski.
 *S. M. Kent.
 *Jacob Bristol.
 *A. H. Heath.
 *Lewis H. Chamberlin.
 *Frank C. Trowbridge.
 *Chas. G. Hampton.
 *Thos. S. McGraw.
 Alex. W. Blain.
 *Oscar A. Janes.
 Oscar R. Looker.

CHAS. GRIFFIN POST NO. 386, FARWELL.

Chartered July 21, 1887.

Membership 21.

Delegate.

*H. Glass.

Commander, Chas. Clark.

Alternate.

B. P. Mount.

Past Commanders.

J. H. Wood.
 H. Glass.

Wm. H. Ford.
 S. Coon.

AINSWORTH POST NO. 392, RANSOM.

Chartered January 26, 1888.

Membership 15.

Delegate.

*W. H. Palmer.

Commander, W. L. Mapes.

Alternate.

Levi Alligar.

Past Commanders.

G. W. Hile.
 W. L. Mapes.

P. M. Humiston.
 W. H. H. Pettit.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

MICHIGAN POST NO. 393, DETROIT.

Chartered April 4, 1888.

Membership 18.

Commander, *Fred Kraft.		Alternate.
<i>Delegate.</i>		G. W. Blanchard.
A. L. Booth.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*Jos. Doherty.		*John Boylan.
*John Griswold.		*Chas. Kaufman.
*John H. Hendley.		*Orrin D. Darling.

A. P. EARLE POST NO. 394, WEXFORD.

Chartered April 15, 1888.

Membership 21.

Commander, J. J. Carl.		Alternate.
<i>Delegate.</i>		Geo. B. Taylor.
L. A. Crittenden.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
John F. Paul.		Wm. J. C. Davis.
*E. Bowerman.		J. S. Walling.
A. Pringle.		N. Hanna.
Bruce Stewart.		A. F. Hopkins.

A. B. WATSON POST NO. 395, GRAND RAPIDS.

Chartered November 15, 1888.

Membership 88.

Commander, *Ed. H. Stein.		Alternates.
<i>Delegates.</i>		Chas. H. Goodrich.
James K. Richmond.		Eugene Wood.
Geo. W. Dellenback.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
W. T. Johnson.		Wm. Walker.
J. M. Wood.		John Knowlin.
C. H. Fox.		J. R. Wyckoff.
J. H. Bowers.		J. S. French.
R. H. Lee.		Geo. R. Phillips.
D. Z. Kline.		C. S. Wilson.
C. M. Runyan.		J. Whinnery.
Edgar W. Wheeler.		D. Delano.
N. H. Waldbridge.		C. A. Beebee.
W. H. Marston.		Isaac Provost.

GEO. WARD POST NO. 396, BEANT.

Chartered January, 1889.

Membership 22.

Commander, Chas. Cogswell.		Alternate.
<i>Delegate.</i>		Eugene D. Webber.
*Henry Passmore.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
W. DeClarence.		N. B. Richardson.
John Boone.		Perry Crane.
Alva Nichols.		Geo. Rinenburg.
Daniel Thompson.		Willis Dibble.
Michael Cummings.		

WOOLSEY POST NO. 399, NORTHPORT.

Chartered January 19, 1889.

Membership 10.

Commander, Ishmeal Comstock.		Alternate.
<i>Delegate.</i>		James Mason.
Jacob B. Vanatter.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Wm. H. Porter.		John Thomas.
John Scott.		Wm. B. Green.

BURLINGAME POST NO. 402, AKRON.

Chartered April 23, 1889.

Membership 13.

Delegate.

L. C. Wilbur.

Commander, John Paul.

Alternate.

L. L. Davis.

Past Commanders.

John Graham.
E. G. Mathews.
Leonard James.
E. A. Dickey.
John E. Evans.

J. B. Going.
*Geo. J. Dart.
Wm. Gardner.
John Rothermel.

J. AND A. RYDER POST NO. 404, NEWBURG.

Chartered May 18, 1891.

Membership 15.

Delegate.

*Wm. D. Toles.

Commander, N. Beckenseed.

Alternate.

Jas. King.

Past Commanders.

*H. D. Bassett.
C. G. Brown.
Chas. Westfall.

*A. Fred Smith.
*E. C. Bassett.
Willard Sherman.

CHAS. A. PRICE POST NO. 405, PERRINTON.

Chartered May 13, 1903.

Membership 20.

Delegate.

A. C. Gillett.

Commander, R. S. Cushman.

Alternate.

Geo. W. Groom.

Past Commanders.

T. B. Musser.
J. S. Wright.

Geo. W. Groom.
R. S. Cushman.

W. W. CHAPIN POST NO. 407, AUBURN.

Chartered July 14, 1891.

Membership 13.

Delegate.

*A. J. Holmes.

Commander, J. E. Hill.

Alternate.

E. J. Buzzard.

Past Commanders.

*J. C. Rowden.
John Wilber.

Henry Hopler.
James Davis.

GEN. W. T. SHERMAN POST NO. 410, VASSAR.

Chartered June 29, 1891.

Membership 47.

Delegate.

*Wm. J. Bennett.

Commander, J. H. Burgess.

Alternate.

L. M. Jones.

Past Commanders.

Chas. E. Murry.
Jared Downer.
Henry Adams.

R. Hawley.
O. B. Randall.
Wm. Hulburt.

A. W. BRINDLE POST NO. 413, WYANDOTTE.

Chartered August 1, 1891.

Membership 11.

Delegate.

Commander, *W. W. Bishop.

Alternate.

John Wayman.

Past Commanders.

W. W. Bishop.

John Wayman.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

ROBT. ERWIN POST NO. 416, BROOKLYN.

Chartered October 30, 1891.

Membership 20.

Commander, John W. Worden.

Delegate.

James M. King.

Alternate.

Geo. Stacy.

*Past Commanders.***E. J. WADE POST NO. 417, HARBOR BEACH.**

Chartered January 21, 1892.

Membership 11.

Commander, William Whaling.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commander.*

Wm. McMillan.

H. P. MERRILL POST NO. 419, BAY CITY.

Chartered February 19, 1892.

Membership 23.

Commander, *Geo. W. Butterfield.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Horace Morey.

E. D. Cowles.

Past Commanders.

*M. M. Andrews.

Geo. P. Cobb.

A. J. Cook.

*L. G. Wilcox.

H. E. Meeker.

J. W. Knaggs.

Orrin Bump.

Israel Youngs.

WM. H. DUMPHY POST NO. 424, YALE.

Chartered January 27, 1893.

Membership 18.

Commander, Chas. Moutney.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Miles Simmons.

Henry A. Cope.

*Past Commanders.***STEPHEN MUNGER POST NO. 425, FREELAND.**

Chartered August 2, 1893.

Membership 9.

Commander, Geo. W. Haverland.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Ambrose Purchase.

James McAdams.

Past Commanders.

Henry Manwell.

J. B. Alexander.

A. McGuire.

Peter Doran.

Jefferson Chapman.

P. O'CONNELL POST NO. 426, IRON MOUNTAIN.

Chartered August 3, 1893.

Membership 10.

Commander, J. W. Burbank.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Samuel Bassett.

John D. Buell.

Past Commanders.

J. W. Burbank.

JOHN BITCHIE POST NO. 430, BURT.

Chartered July 14, 1896.

Membership 12.

Commander, Jos. S. Phillips.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Wesley W. Webster.

John Davis.

Past Commanders.

Thomas Boodger.
 *John Jackson.
 Sidney Carlton.
 Seymour Bortle.

Jos. S. Phillips.
 *Jesse L. Van Sickle.
 David McNalley.

MARINE CITY POST NO. 432, MARINE CITY.

Chartered September 19, 1896.

Membership 11.

*Commander, W. H. Scott.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

John Minnie.

Past Commanders.

Max Bates.
 Edward J. Hill.

Chas. F. Farmer.
 *W. H. Scott.

O. M. POE POST NO. 433, DETROIT.

Chartered November 18, 1896.

Membership 49.

*Commander, Geo. W. Cook.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*O. D. Caldwell.

Jesse D. Burke.

Past Commanders.

*John Devlin.
 *H. F. Serrine.
 *Chas. F. Jones.
 *Geo. W. Clements.

*Wm. N. Siggins.
 *Jas. M. C. Miller.
 *E. H. Davis.
 J. T. McCurdy.

MCCOOK POST NO. 434, McBRIDE.

Chartered February 24, 1897.

Membership 20.

Commander, M. J. Christian.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Geo. Carpenter.

Albert Bush.

Past Commanders.

Louis Perkins.
 Myron Dean.

M. J. Christian.
 Frederick Neff.

F. A. DANIELS POST NO. 437, NEW TROY.

Chartered June 29, 1897.

Membership 11.

Commander, John A. Cox.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***H. P. NILES POST NO. 438, NEW LATHROP.**

Chartered July 22, 1897.

Membership 9.

Commander, *John Northwood.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Geo. Jacobs.

J. Douglass.

Past Commanders.

*Batus Snyder.
 S. D. Wilson.
 James Smith.

J. Douglass.
 *John Spears.
 C. A. Petty.

STEELE BROS. POST NO. 441, MASON.

Chartered December 31, 1897.

Membership 37.

Commander, John G. Snook.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Henry I. Northrop.

Nelson De Camp.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Past Commanders.

J. A. Sherwood.
T. Bortles.
Frank Lester.
*W. W. Root.

N. Templer.
*L. H. Ives.
H. O. Call.

GEO. B. MUIR POST NO. 442, ROSE CITY.

Chartered April 8, 1898.

Membership 18.

Commander, *A. S. Rose.

Delegate.

*Henry Dobson.

Alternate.

C. D. Griffith.

Past Commanders.

W. M. Bates.
O. J. Hickey.

A. S. Rose.
James Smith.

WASHINGTON POST NO. 444, CADILLAC.

Chartered April 14, 1898.

Membership 36.

Commander, C. C. Dunham.

Delegate.

H. A. Spencer.

Alternate.

A. J. Teed.

Past Commanders.

D. E. Cook.

Chas. C. Burnham.

E. H. GIBSON POST NO. 445, GOWEN.

Chartered April 29, 1898.

Membership 22.

Commander, U. W. Leland.

Delegate.

Chas. Terry.

Alternate.

Warren Saxton.

Past Commanders.

C. A. Peasley.
Eli Bowen.
V. W. Leland.
W. H. Allen.

Geo. S. McClellan.
D. Bonesteel.
Ed. Bradshaw.

J. B. SWEETLAND POST NO. 448, EDWARDSBURG.

Chartered July 21, 1899.

Membership 17.

Commander, Wm. Funk.

Delegate.

P. P. Smith.

Alternate.

Roger Burns.

Past Commanders.

W. W. Sweetland.
B. F. Thompson.

John Jones.
Avon Dever.

P. M. ANGUS POST NO. 450, STANDISH. ♀

Chartered November 11, 1899.

Membership 7.

Commander, Dewitt C. Hallock.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***GEN. I. C. SMITH POST NO. 451, REED CITY.**

Chartered April 28, 1900.

Membership 25.

Commander, Dr. C. D. Woodruff.

Delegate.

Irvin S. Miner.

Alternate.

Cornelius Cook.

Past Commanders.

*Isaac Grant.	Homer Spencer.
*Aretas Corwin.	James L. Dearin.
David J. Zook.	Livingston Hall.
John H. Freeland.	Anthony Wise.
*"Ren" Barker.	Nathaniel Clark.
Jas. H. Andrews.	Geo. H. Gilbert.

H. W. LAWTON POST NO. 452, SAMARIA.

Chartered June 23, 1900.

Membership 30.

Delegate.

H. M. Slick.

*Commander, A. J. Teall.

Alternate.

*Henry Niswander.

Past Commanders.

*A. J. Teall.
Philander Karr.

Geo. F. Harmon.
*A. M. Albert.

HARLOW PELTON POST NO. 453, KINGSTON.

Chartered July 21, 1900.

Membership 21.

Delegate.

R. D. McKinch.

Commander, Walter B. Nedrey.

Alternate.

J. O. Pattan.

Past Commanders.

Walter B. Nedrey.
W. C. Lockwood.
A. B. Payne.

Geo. E. Parker.
*J. B. Hickey.

JAMES A. SAXTON POST NO. 454, CENTRAL LAKE.

Chartered July 17, 1900.

Membership 14.

Delegate.

A. J. Drake.

Commander, A. J. Drake.

Alternate.

S. Fuller.

Past Commanders.

D. C. Morrison.
W. Mohrman.

A. J. Drake.
W. H. Easton.

JOHN HUNTER POST NO. 455, MONTROSE.

Chartered November 21, 1900.

Membership 22.

Delegate.

*August Luke.

Commander, *W. C. Bouck.

Alternate.

Geo. W. England.

Past Commanders.

*David Cross.
*James H. Persons.

*James E. Barnes.

STANSSELL POST NO. 456, SOUTH LYON.

Chartered February 22, 1901.

Membership 23.

Delegate.

M. M. Tryon.

*Commander, U. Gyde.

Alternate.

T. Hammond.

Past Commanders.

L. S. Allen.
A. C. Washburn.

C. Calkins.
L. A. Sayles.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

J. M. POND POST NO. 460, SAUGATUCK.

Chartered February 9, 1903.

Membership 23.

Commander, Judson Doud.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

David White.

Past Commanders.

J. C. Bartholomew.

C. Whitney.

GEORGE BOYD POST NO. 461, SELMA.

Chartered August 8, 1903.

Membership 20.

Commander, R. C. Norris.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Geo. W. Wheeler.

James Mansfield.

Past Commanders.

Amos Merrill.

John H. Wheeler.

B. F. Smith.

B. A. ALGER POST NO. 462, RAPID CITY.

Chartered November 2, 1907.

Membership 13.

Commander, Joseph Finney.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

David W. Cousins.

Peter Desmond.

Past Commanders.

Joseph Finney.

PROCEEDINGS.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT
OF MICHIGAN, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

FIRST DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

DETROIT, MICH., June 17-18, 1908.

The Thirtieth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, assembled in the Light Infantry Armory in the city of Detroit at 9:30 a. m., June 17, 1908, and was opened by William Jibb, Department Commander.

The Department Commander, after satisfying himself that all present were members of the Grand Army of the Republic, opened the Encampment in due form. (Called the Encampment to its feet by the gavel.) The Chaplain will invoke the Divine blessing:

Department Chaplain: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we are glad to look up to Thee this morning and thank Thee for all Thy kind grace and providence during the year past that has been extended to us and that so many of us still are spared to greet each other once more, and to take each other joyfully by the hand and glad that we are permitted to enjoy this occasion together. We invoke Thy divine blessing to rest upon this gathering today and during all its sessions. We pray that Thy blessing may rest upon each officer of this Encampment, and especially upon the Commander in his duties and responsibilities. And may Thy presence be with us all so that we may feel that we are guarded from on high in all that we are called to do. May friendship and harmony prevail among us in all of our deliberations and we pray that while we meet here that Thy blessing may rest upon the Grand Army of the Republic throughout all of the United States; that God may smile upon them all everywhere and give them grace to discharge all of their duties and perform their work gladly and successfully. We ask Thy gracious blessing upon our government, upon our Chief Magistrate, upon our country as a whole, upon our people as a Nation, to raise it up by the hand of God for great purposes in this new century. And we ask Thee, Heavenly Father, that Thou wilt so bless our people that patriotism may prevail, that wisdom may reign among us as a people. And in the great coming decisive event in which we elect our Magistrate for another term, we ask God to

give wisdom to our people to rightly decide that the purposes of God may be carried out in raising up this Nation and carrying it forward to still greater and grander work and position among the nations of the earth. We pray for our boys and our young men of today that they may be filled with the spirit of their fathers. May the time never come, may the light of the sun never shine upon that day when it shall be said that liberty, civil and religious liberty, has died in this land. May the sun never shine upon the day when our sons, and our sons' sons, shall have departed from the stalwart patriotism of their fathers, that they shall be ready to risk their lives if necessary for the perpetuation of this government, the perpetuation of our institutions and of our nationality. And now we pray, Heavenly Father, that Thou will give us peace to reign for years and years to come in this land. We thank Thee for the great unity of spirit that now prevails North and South. We thank Thee for the splendid loyalty that has sprung up among those who once were our foes and opponents. We thank Thee that we have been spared to see the blessings of these days and glad that slavery has been overthrown and we ask Thee to bless them and bless the North and South, East and West, our entire land, may it continue to prosper so that as a people who honor nationality recognize Thee as God over all and may be reigned over by Thy providence, by Thy blessing, by Thy spirit, that Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Department Commander: All Past Commanders are kindly requested to take seats on the rostrum. If a request will not do, I shall make it an order. Before taking up the business of the day I want to say a word of two. I shall be pleased to recognize any Comrade that is entitled to recognition, but understand you are not entitled to recognition, or will not be recognized, until you state your name and the number of your Post distinctly. There is no need of any of you being timid or bashful here, and I shall expect you to speak loudly.

Department Commander: I now declare the Thirtieth Annual Encampment opened in due form. By action of the Council of Administration, the rules governing the National Encampment will prevail as the rules of this Encampment unless there are objections. Are there any objections? If not, we will now listen to the report of the Committee on Credentials.

Assistant Adjutant General: The Committee on Credentials is still in session and at work on their report and we ask that the report of this committee be deferred until later in the session.

Department Commander: If there is no objection it will be so ordered. I hear no objection; it is so ordered.

The Department Commander, in the absence of the Junior Vice Commander, called Past Department Commander C. V. R. Pond to the chair.

Comrade Pond: We will now hear the address of the Department Commander.

ADDRESS OF WILLIAM JIBB, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Comrades: Again in answer to the long roll we have assembled together in this our Thirtieth Annual Encampment.

One year ago, by your votes, you conferred upon me the honor of Department Commander of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic, of which I assure you I was, at that time, and have been ever since, very proud and shall always feel more thankful than words can express.

I was well aware at that time that such a position must have careful study and cool judgment in order to meet the demands of the various questions which must of necessity come before us and at the same time do equal justice to every comrade, the widows and orphans, which is the principal object for which we are banded together.

In assuming the duties of this important office, I will have to confess that it was with some reluctance and misgivings as to my ability to satisfy the members of this Department and carry the work through the year with any kind of success. If I have done so, I certainly shall feel well repaid for my labors during my term of office, as your Department Commander. But, on the other hand, if I have been a failure, the mistakes will show for themselves, and I pledge you my word of honor, they have been of the head and not of the heart, for I have done my very best, at all times, and in all places. But you are the judge and jury and I ask for charity in your verdict and sentence.

I have personally visited many of the Posts, and I surely could not suggest anything that could have been added by the Comrades and Ladies of the Relief Corps to make my visits more profitable or enjoyable. I am sure that I could not discover any trouble or bad blood in any of the Posts. Of course, there were differences of opinion, but I always concede that to the American citizen and *especially* to the old veterans of the *sixty's*.

I am very sorry that I was unable to call on more of the Posts, but it was certainly no fault of mine. We men who sacrificed so much in our palmy days for our country can not rely on the condition of our health at our age, and that was all that prevented me from meeting more of you at your homes.

But Comrades, let us continue to touch elbows and keep our alignment perfect, and there is no doubt as to the final judgment, when we hear the bugle sound "lights out" for the last time, in the case of every old comrade.

MEMBERSHIP.

The standing of the Department in membership, at the time of the incoming of the present officials:

Membership in good standing, December 21st, 1906.....	11,068
Membership in good standing, December 31st, 1908.....	10,688

Loss for year	380
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Number of Posts December 31st, 1906.....	326
Number of Posts December 31st, 1907.....	318
Loss in number of Posts	8
Loss of members by death	508
Increase of death rate over previous year	63
Taking our loss by death from all other causes, and we have gained in membership	128
There are now on the suspended list	1,318

And this certainly is one of the things which demands your attention at once and which has been noticed in General Orders. The responsibility now resting principally upon the officers of the local Posts and with the proper amount of work and attention given thereto might bring about the needed results along this line.

There have been issued from Headquarters:

General Orders	8
Special Orders	2
Circular Letters	2

OUTPOSTS.

Comrades, there is no way known to your Commander to stop Old Father Time in his annual rounds, and as it is now forty-three years since we laid down our arms in defence of our Country and Flag, you all will observe the marks of those many years in the silvered heads of the Old Boys who make up this Encampment, and we are compelled to admit that, although the disposition is good, the heart is willing and more than anxious to attend these Post meetings, yet the feeble condition of the body and the tottering limbs will not endure it. Therefore, the small Posts are reduced so that it is almost impossible to get out a quorum to do the business and for that reason they can not hold regular meetings and all interest is lost sight of.

I therefore earnestly recommend that the incoming administration give this matter their careful consideration and attention.

FINANCES.

At our encampment at Bay City, last year, Commander Griswold recommended that the per capita tax be increased to twenty-five cents per member, which in my judgment was wise in him and the vote of the body sustained him.

Had it not been done, I hardly think we would have come out even, although the strictest economy has been exercised in all the Departments.

Cash in general fund	\$1,645 73
Cash in Alger fund	1,000 00
Received during year from all sources	5,534 15
Disbursements during year	2,727 45

ALGER FUND.

This fund remains the same as no change has been ordered by the encampment and in my opinion none is needed.

The interest as before is turned into the general fund.

INSPECTION OF POSTS.

This is a question which admits of careful study. First: As to the advisability of still continuing the work. Second: As to the best method of continuing it.

I am fully satisfied that the practice of having a comrade inspect a Post of which he is a member is a *farce* and of no effect or good whatever.

After I was elected your Commander I gave this matter some attention and conceived the idea of the present method and have tried the same. I appointed Past Senior Vice Department Commander, W. W. Cook, as Department Inspector. I was looking for some comrade who could and would give the system a thorough test and certainly was fortunate in getting Comrade Cook, for with hard and persistent work, he has done all that could have been done. His report will give you the full details and we can do no less than thank him.

MEMORIAL DAY.

This is a subject that becomes dearer to the Veterans as the years pass and they can almost hear the long roll beat and the bugle sound "lights out" on the final camping ground, while attending the Memorial exercises, and scattering the beautiful flowers over these little grassy mounds, as their token. The questions come to their minds: Will I be there next year and will my comrades remember me as they do today? The thirtieth of May, this year, was indeed a gloomy day, although the elements were dark and threatening and the rain came down in torrents, yet the loyalty and interest of the Old Veterans was in no wise dampened and good attendance at the services is shown by reports. But, as Past Department Commander Griswold remarked, it grieves us to think that the young people of today can not be brought to realize that Memorial Day was set apart to honor and to pay a tribute of respect to the men who sacrificed their lives for this country, and not for games of ball and other frivolous sports. Let us hope that the education of the rising generation will bring about the needed change.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION.

If there is any one thing more than all others that will bring about the change, which I have just spoken of, relative to Memorial Day desecration, it is the proper work and energy along the line of the Department Patriotic Instruction, and I personally know of some hard work being done in that office during the past year. Still there is plenty of room for more of the same kind of labor and we should all endeavor to see that the lesson of patriotism is carried into all our colleges, schools and homes, and if this is done as it should be, all

frivolous sports on Memorial Day will cease and there never will be assembled together a Corporal's Guard again to insult the flag on American soil.

THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORP.

It certainly is an undisputed fact that were it not for this organization, a large number of our Posts, who are now making their reports and are in good standing in the Department and are represented here today owe their existence in a large degree to the Woman's Relief Corps. It does seem that they never can find any place to stop work and never appear satisfied unless they can find something more to do in the interest of the Old Veterans, their widows and orphans.

And now I desire especially to thank the Department President, Mrs. Evelyn Cresure, and I also desire to include all her staff and the ladies all, for their courtesies and assistance during the last year.

LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

This order is built up and constituted of the same kind of loyal ladies as the preceding one, and they are working along the same lines with the same object in view and we also thank and wish them *God speed* in all their work.

THE SONS OF VETERANS.

If our deeds and memories are remembered, recognized and perpetuated in the future, after the G. A. R. becomes a relic of the past, which it must in a few short years now, to whom would the public more naturally turn than the Sons of the Old Boys, who have all the years been filling their hearts and minds with stories of patriotism and the hardships endured, the sacrifices made on the field of battle and in those infamous prison pens. And all for what? Love of the Flag and the establishment of the entire Union. Therefore I believe it is a duty we owe them to aid and assist in every way possible.

FORTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

September 9th, 1907, in compliance with general orders from National Headquarters, promulgated from Department Headquarters, found us in Saratoga Springs, New York. Splendid accommodations had been secured for us through the courtesy of Past Commander Griswold and everything was in elegant condition and entirely satisfactory. Our route from here was over the Wabash Railroad. The train en route was in charge of Traveling Passenger Agent, R. S. Greenwood, to whom many thanks are due for the efficient and pleasant manners which were extended to all on board, there being not one jar in the entire trip.

In accordance with a vote of the Council of Administration, at Bay City, your Commander, with the Asst. Q. U. Gen'l., was instructed to procure Martial Music, as the official band of the Department at Saratoga and the instructions were complied with and better service and more satisfactory music could not, and in fact was not, rendered by any band during the entire Encampment. They were given the

lead and first place on several occasions and I desire to impress this upon your minds, that one of the many reasons for all the applause and cheers received by them was that on every coat was noticed the little bronze button, denoting that they had offered their all, even to their lives, in the defense of their country, and the only band in Saratoga composed entirely of Veterans of the Civil War. These men are now organized in this Department, as the Civil War Veteran Musicians, with Major Squire Johnson in command, and no one can be a member unless he is in good standing in the G. A. R. As you are all well aware, nothing will stir the patriotic blood in the heart of an old soldier nor induce him to step higher than the fife and drum, and inasmuch as these men are doing all in their power for our interests, I believe that it is our duty, and I esteem it a privilege to do all we can to encourage and assist them, my home city, Adrian, having presented them with a banner.

Therefore, I most cheerfully and earnestly recommend that they be designated and made the official music of the Department of Michigan. Grand Army of the Republic, to lead the Department in our parades at our State and National Encampments. And right here, I desire most earnestly to thank all the comrades who displayed such loyalty at Saratoga, during the parade and the down pour of the rain, for it did seem that some one had made a mistake and turned the ocean over on us. But the Red Cross ladies were constantly on hand the entire route with their preventative for colds, and when the time came to break ranks, every one answered to their names.

I also wish to thank all the Aides for the courtesy and attention shown your Commander. Where all were so loyal, it is hard to discriminate, but I can not refrain from special mention of A. A. G. Wyckoff and A. Q. M. G. Cochrane, also Chief of Staff Grant, all of whom performed their duties with credit to themselves and to the Department and are entitled to many thanks.

FORTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

The coming National Encampment is to be held, so to speak, at your door, in fact what was at one time a part of your own State of Michigan, now Toledo, Ohio.

Arrangements for headquarters for this Department have been made at the Boody House, and as good as any in the city. All who desire to go will be taken care of as usual at all National Encampments and I hope to see a large attendance.

THE SOLDIERS' HOME.

This is a subject, Comrades, which I hope and believe you will give your careful and candid consideration, for it is a matter which interests every one of us. The welfare, comfort and care of the boys who stood with us in the firing line, shoulder to shoulder, to uphold the Flag and save and keep this country one and indivisible, the land of the free, ought to be close to the heart of every Grand Army man, in fact, next to his family and fireside.

And now, Comrades, if I at this time make any errors in speaking of this matter, it will be on account of the extreme loyal and heartfelt

interest which I have in every one of those members at the Home, and expecting this matter will come up for some action on your part. I believe it to be only justice to you, as well as those boys, that you should fully understand the situation.

As chairman of your committee, last year, I, with one other member of the committee visited the Home and presented to the Encampment my report, with the exact and entire facts, in every detail and without color. The report was unanimously approved by this body of men.

I had been informed that it was doubtful if the present committee would make a visit to the Home this year, so they could make no report at this time, and I concluded to make some investigation myself, as I had received letters from parties, who, I became satisfied, after looking into the case somewhat, were trying to create dissatisfaction and disturbance there, which, if successful, would entirely destroy the discipline and break up the Home.

And now the whole matter, in my opinion, resolves itself to this question: Are the Comrades to believe the story of one political aspirant, who is anxious to make capital out of the members of the Home, against a united Board of Managers, composed of the very highest type of gentlemen, every one of whom wears that little bronze button, and who would, each and every one, rather put his hand down in his pocket and give one of the boys assistance, if he needed it, than to take one cent from him wrongfully?

And now, Comrades, after a careful investigation and being familiar with the management of the Home, I most earnestly recommend that this Encampment endorse and approve the rules as applied and carried out by the present Board of Managers of the Soldiers' Home, believing it to be for the very best interest of all concerned.

PENSIONS.

The Committee on Pensions, I have no doubt, worked faithfully and well, but in my judgment Congress failed either to comprehend the situation or neglected to do their duty, in that they cut out of the Widow's Pension Bill so many worthy women, simply for the reason that they were not married before 1890. If a soldier had the misfortune to lose his wife, before that date or since, and then afterwards marries and lives with his second wife ten or fifteen years or until death separates them, in my opinion, it is no legitimate reason she should be cut off, for no doubt the soldier whose wife is so treated, rendered in many cases more service to the government than did the other. The woman who marries an old soldier and cares for him during his declining years is entitled to just as much consideration as one who marries him when he is young and can care for and provide a livelihood for her.

But we have to submit to the inevitable and be thankful for small favors, as our Congress sees fit to disburse them.

LEGISLATION IN MICHIGAN.

The Committee on Legislation in the past year have had no work which needed their attention in state affairs, there being no session

during our term of office. But in the coming year, the legislature will assemble together, and I have noticed that other states are agitating the question of State Pensions for their soldiers, to-wit: New York, Pennsylvania and others. And now what other state is more able to do justice to her defenders than Michigan, whose soldiers left a record any state might be proud of, having never sent a regiment to the field that made a disgraceful surrender or displayed cowardice on the firing line.

I therefore respectfully recommend that the Committee on Legislation, appointed for the ensuing year, be requested to draft a bill, similar to that of the above named states, and present to the next legislature and use all legitimate means to have it become a law.

And now, Comrades, in assuming the position of your Department Commander, to which I was elected one year ago at Bay City, I certainly was well aware of the responsibility connected therewith. I have kept in view always two ideas—first, to make it a year of pleasure and good times for all the veterans, their widows and orphans; second, to guard well the treasury.

In doing this I have been ably seconded by all the officers in the Department, both elective and appointive, and to all of them I desire at this time to extend my most heartfelt thanks for their loyal support in every instance, as there has not been one jar or discord during the entire year.

Yours in F. C. and L.

WILLIAM JIBB,
Department Commander.

The address of the Department Commander was referred to the following committee:

Comrade C. V. R. Pond, Post 2, Comrade Frank R. Chase, Post 126, Comrade M. D. Richardson, Post 365, Comrade Sprague, Post 83, Comrade B. F. Graves, Post 45.

Department Commander: I desire to announce some committees. The Committee to carry fraternal greetings to the Woman's Relief Corps: Past Department Commander Kanitz, Comrade S. J. Lawrence, and Comrade M. C. Barney.

Department Commander: I desire to say right now that I have information from the Commander-in-Chief that he will arrive at 3:30 p. m., Michigan Central, and will be here with us this afternoon and address you. The committee to wait on the Commander-in-Chief and also at the Campfire tonight will be Col. W. F. Bradley, Post 45; S. J. Lawrence, Post 318; Freeman Hall, Post 79. The committee to carry fraternal greetings to the Ladies of the G. A. R., Past Commander, John Northwood, L. H. Ives, R. L. Jones.

Department Commander: We will now listen to the report of the Senior Vice Commander if he is present. Is Comrade Nugent present? He is not here. We will pass that and listen to the report of the Junior Vice Commander, Comrade Spaulding.

Hartford, Mich., June 1st, 1908.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan, G. A. R.:

My Dear Comrade: I have the honor herewith to submit this, my so-called report, for the year ending June 17, 1908. The Junior Vice Commander stands about the same as the fifth wheel on an artillery caisson, so in case of a breakdown it may be used. As suggested by the Department Commander a year ago, I have at all times held myself in readiness to execute his desires, and it affords me great pleasure to here state that there has been no breakdowns. I attended the National Encampment at Saratoga Springs, and am pleased to say that Michigan was on guard from beginning to end and shirked none of her duties on account of rain or floods. I have visited several Posts in this part of the state and have been cordially received by the Commanders wherever I have met them. I find that there is not the same interest manifested in the order that there was a few years ago, and I do wish that something might be done to arouse the comrades to their duty to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Thanking all of the Comrades for the unanimous vote given me at Bay City, and the courtesy and kindness accorded me during the past year, I am,

Sincerely yours in F. C. and L.,

HENRY SPAULDING,
Junior Vice Dept. Commander.

Department Commander: I will appoint as a Committee on the Junior Vice Commander's report, Comrade J. J. Drake, Post 21, Comrade Chapin, Post 31, and Comrade G. W. Wheeler, Post 461.

Department Commander: We will now hear the Medical Director's report.

REPORT OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR,
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, G. A. R.
MASON, MICH., June 5, 1908.

William Jibb, Department Commander, and Comrades of the Thirtieth Encampment of the Department of Michigan, G. A. R.:

I have the honor to submit my report as Medical Director of this Department for the year ending December 31, 1907:

Number of Posts in this Department for the year ending December 31, 1907	318
Number of Posts reporting	99
Number of Posts making no surgeons' report	219
Number of deaths during the year	244
Number who presumably died of wounds received in the service	6
Number who presumably died of disease contracted in service	70
Number who presumably died of other causes	168
Number of ex-soldiers or marines treated free of charge.....	32
The reasonable money value of such service.....	\$109 00
Number of patients treated free of charge who were members of the families of ex-soldiers or soldiers.....	41
Reasonable money value of such service	\$97 00
Money value of medicines and surgical appliances furnished by physicians, Posts, Relief Corps or other organizations or Comrades	\$197 41
Total money value of above mentioned services and supplies.	403 41
Number of deserving sick or maimed not receiving pension...	7
Number of ex-soldiers or sailors in almshouse	None

The following is the name and location of the State and National Soldiers' and Sailors' Home for the care of ex-union soldiers and sailors of this Department, including their wives and widows:

Name, "Michigan Soldier's Home."

Location, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

MEN.

Number present in quarters December 31, 1907.....	700
Number present in hospital December 31, 1907.....	157
Total present December 31, 1907.....	857
Number absent with leave	214
Total membership	1,071

WOMEN.

Number present in quarters December 31, 1907.....	62
Number present in hospital December 31, 1907.....	34
Number absent with leave.....	22
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Total membership of women	118
Total number of men and women present in Home.....	953
Total number of men and women absent with leave.....	236
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Total	1,189
Decrease in membership from the previous year.....	140
Number of deaths for the year—Men.....	137
Number of deaths for the year—Women.....	18
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Total number of deaths for the year.....	155

The number of deaths for the year is larger than that of any previous year.

Current expenses of the Home for the year, \$166,000.

The general government pays the State \$100 per annum for the support of each soldier who is a member of the Home, and present therein, and the balance of the expense is met by an appropriation by the State legislature.

The number of Posts in good standing in this Department on the 31st of December, 1907, was three hundred and eighteen and only ninety-nine made reports to the Medical Director. Doubtless this is due to the fact that the National organization of the G. A. R. does not now require any report from the Department Medical Directors.

There were reported five hundred and eight deaths to the Assistant Adjutant General and only two hundred and fifty-four to this Department, showing the unreliability of these reports from the Post surgeons. Nineteen Posts reported no deaths. Post No. 5 of Grand Rapids reported fourteen deaths for the year, the largest number of any.

The amount of aid rendered to needy Comrades and their families by the various Posts and Relief Corps is much less than that of former years. Probably this is due to the fact that the government is more liberal in the matter of pensions, as are also the counties which, through the action of the board of supervisors, are providing aid for our needy, unfortunate comrades and their families.

On retiring from the office, which my comrades have honored me with by electing me to it for the eighth time, I fail to find proper words to express my appreciation for either the honor conferred or the kindness shown by all comrades and especially by the Department officers with whom I shall always recall my associations with the most pleasant of recollections.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

WILLIAM W. ROOT,

Medical Director.

Department Commander: The committee to report on the Medical Director's report will be Past Department Commander J. B. Griswold, Comrade J. C. Salmon, Post 252, and L. A. Kinney, Post 42.

Department Commander: We will now listen to the report of the Department Chaplain.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT FOR 1907.

LANSING, June 16, 1908.

To Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan, G. A. R.:

Dear Sir and Comrade: From Post reports of Memorial Day services for 1907, I present you the following summary:

Number of Posts that observed Memorial Sunday.....	292
Number of sermons preached to these Posts.....	292
Number of veterans who preached sermons.....	14
Number of Sons of Veterans who preached sermons.....	29
Number of veterans present at these services.....	7,034
Number of Posts that observed Decoration Day.....	288
Number of veterans who attended this observance.....	8,586
Number of cemeteries in which graves were decorated.....	965
Number of graves of comrades decorated	24,776
Number of graves unmarked by proper headstones.....	2,165
Number of public schools participating in Decoration Day..	577
Number of scholars present	41,245
Number of other organizations participating	279
Number of public addresses delivered	269
Number of veterans who delivered addresses.....	51
Number of Sons of Veterans who delivered addresses.....	26
Number of burial plots owned by Posts	169

Memorial Day was generally fair and propitious. The services were well attended by the Posts and public. Each year, however it becomes more difficult to obtain about one-third of the Memorial Day reports, largely, we think, through neglect, or indifference to their value and importance as G. A. R. records and history.

Some of the footnotes appended to the reports received, relating to incidents of the day, we have regarded of sufficient value to repeat, and worthy of permanent record.

Custer Post, No. 5, Grand Rapids, was presented a fine monument by Custer Relief Corps No. 27, but no details or description is given.

Post 6, Hillsdale, had the best memorial services for years. No sports nor games marred the sacred day.

Post 9, Hesperia: Our services were a grand success from beginning to end. The part taken by the schools was most patriotic, interesting and grand.

Post 33, Morenci: There were no games or amusements of any kind. Business was all suspended from noon until 4 p. m. A very large crowd greeted the old boys on their arrival at Oak Grove, our main cemetery.

Post 34, Otsego: We had a great day, the best in ten years. The weather was fine and a large crowd out.

Post 37, Stanton: We had the best days exercises we have had for several years. The city paid all expenses and furnished us good music for the parade.

Post 42, Lansing: We enjoyed perhaps the most brilliant memorial day of our history. The city had been magnificently decorated to welcome the President of the United States the following day, and we had the full benefit of it, in the presence of unusual numbers of people to witness our grand parade. Besides, the Post and Relief Corps had the distinction and pleasure of an automobile ride, in forty-two automobiles, in the parade, and to Mt. Hope cemetery, provided by Mr. R. E. Olds, the manufacturer, who was also chairman of the citizens committee, to cooperate with the Post on that day. The city paid all the necessary expenses.

Post 173, Carson City: The post dedicated a fine granite monument in our cemetery, sixteen feet high and costing \$800.

Post 302, Byron: Memorial Day was a great success with us, as all other doings heretofore had were cut out, and the Post had the whole crowd.

Post 419, Bay City: Our exercises were very interesting. The opera house was crowded, the interest including the general public, thousands of school children, and loads of flowers. It was one of the best ever held in this city.

An occasion of uncommon interest took place in the township of Allen, Hillsdale county, where there is no Grand Army Post, in the dedication of a granite soldiers' monument, sixteen feet, ten inches high, of very fine design, a gift to the township from Comrade Charles Lake of Post 2, Quincy. Judge Stone of Hillsdale, and others gave eloquent patriotic addresses on the occasion.

In his modesty the generous donor refused to have his name engraved on the monument; but it lives in the hearts and memories of the people. The incident with a picture of the monument was furnished us by Past Post Commander, Chaplain Wm. G. Whitney, of Quincy, who made the presentation in behalf of the donor.

In closing this, our sixth report to you, it is appropriate, on account of our presence in this city, to quote a few lines, long ago forgotten, but recently discovered among old files of papers, in an article written by us in 1869, at a time when we were editorially connected with a religious paper published here in Detroit. Memorial Day of that year had just been observed. We were not then connected with the G. A. R. and its work, but wrote of it for publication in our paper as a matter of public interest and impression.

"It gives us great satisfaction to announce that the observance of Memorial Day was very general throughout the country. In all our cities and large villages, east and west, and in very many small villages and rural districts, our noble boys who died in the country's service, and lie buried in our midst, were remembered with affection and their graves adorned with memorials of love and tenderness. Nature was

put to her best task in decking with beauty and fragrance their last earthly resting places. Fond recollections were awakened, while by the side of graves of former comrades and battles fought over again in memory by thousands who still survive the havoc of war. The true love of country was intensified. The value of our national heritage, enhanced by the cost of so many precious lives, was more deeply realized and appreciated, and will be by other and more remote generations.

The ornamenting of the many graves in cemeteries was tastefully and liberally accomplished. And to the living friends of these soldiers thus remembered, whether present or absent, these tokens of regard for their loved and lost were appreciated with gratitude and received as a most precious consolation."

These words were first written over thirty-nine years ago. How often they have been verified since. At that time the Grand Army of the Republic and its greatest and most public celebration—Memorial Day—were in their infancy. And we all were much younger than we are now and a great many gone who were with us then, added to our record of the remembered. The writer did not dream then of ever sustaining the relations to the G. A. R. he since has and sharing so often and prominently in its work and in these memorial day scenes. But he was glad to bear this testimony to it then; and glad to repeat and reinforce it now; for forty years have greatly added to, deepened, enlarged and confirmed those earlier views and sentiments, materializing them into broader realities, embracing the many thousands since added to those victor ranks, over whom we now plant the national banner, as well as the Spring beauty of our memorial triumph over war and death and decay and oblivion.

And thus, in a sense, we annually *resurrect*, as well as immortalize our patriotic dead to share with us the triumphs of peace and unity; before we go to share with them the blessed fruits, we hope, of a *Divine* and eternal reconciliation unity, peace and victory.

WILLIAM PUTNAM,
Department Chaplain.

Department Commander: I will appoint on the Chaplain's report Comrade Mears, Post 235; Comrade Warren, Post 358 and Comrade Schneider, Post 42.

Department Commander: We will now listen to the report of the Assistant Adjutant General, Comrade Wyckoff.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, G. A. R.,
LANSING, June 17, 1908.

William Jibb, Department Commander:

Comrade: In accordance with the rules and regulations of our order I take pleasure in submitting the following report of the business transacted in the office of Assistant Adjutant General during the terms ending June 30th and December 31, 1907.

The following abstracts from the consolidated reports forwarded to National Headquarters during the year, shows the gains and losses for the respective terms as follows:

First term ending June 30th, 1907:

	Posts.	Members.
Number remaining in good standing Dec. 31, 1906.....	326	11,068
Gains during term:	Posts.	Members.
By muster	157	
By transfer	102	
By reinstatement	197	
By reinstatement from delinquent reports. 5	89	
Total gains first term.....	5	545
Aggregate	331	11,613
Losses during term:		
By death	270	
By honorable discharge	15	
By transfer	62	
By suspension	139	
By delinquent reports	8	97
Total loss for term	8	583
Remaining in good standing	323	11,030

Second term ending Dec. 31, 1907:

Gains:		
By muster	1	160
By transfer		82
By reinstatement		137
By reinstatement from delinquent reports. 3		54
Total gain for term	4	433
Aggregate	327	11,463

Losses during term:	Posts.	Mem- bers.	Posts.	Mem- bers.
By death .....	....	238		
By honorable discharge .....	....	19		
By transfer .....	....	58		
By suspension .....	....	357		
By delinquent reports	6	76		
By surrender of charter	3	27		
Total loss second term			9	775
Remaining in good standing Dec. 31, 1907.....			318	10,688
The gains and losses for the year are:				
Remaining in good standing Dec. 31, 1906.....			326	11,068
Gains:				
By muster	1	317		
By transfer .....	....	184		
By reinstatement .....	....	334		
By reinstatement from delinquent	8	143		
Total gains for the year			9	978
Aggregate .			335	12,046
Losses:				
By death .....	....	508		
By honorable discharge .....	....	34		
By transfer .....	....	120		
By suspension .....	....	496		
By delinquent reports	14	173		
By surrender of charter	3	27		
Total loss for the year			17	1,358
Number remaining in good standing			318	10,688

The net loss for the year was eight posts and 380 members. The total deaths for the year as reported is 508, an increase over the previous year of 63.

The reports show that the Posts of the department are carrying on their rolls 1,318 suspended members; the responsibility for this rests entirely with the Posts, and the remedy may be applied by them. Comrades are suspended and are held suspended for years. Suspended members who refuse to pay up after being properly notified should be dropped in accordance with the rules and regulations. The attention of the Posts has been repeatedly called to this large list of suspended members but it has been little heeded. If these suspended members were dropped instead of being "hung up" by suspension many of them would be at liberty to join other Posts.

One new Post has been added by muster during the year, viz.: R. A. Alger Post No. 462, located at Rapid City.

The following Posts have been reinstated from delinquents report during the year:

Post No. 112, Mulliken; Post No. 174, Houghton; Post No. 229, Marine City; Post No. 429, Ironwood.

The following Posts were delinquent:

Post No. 46, Ganges; Post No. 154, Deckerville; Post No. 157, Cassopolis; Post No. 167, Capac; Post No. 172, North Star; Post No. 245, Sparta; Post No. 299, Crystal Valley; Post No. 439, Fostoria.

The following posts have surrendered their charters:

Post No. 135, Centerville; Post No. 342, Twin Lake; Post No. 124, Constantine.

Of the 318 Posts composing this Department, one has a membership of 300, one post reports a membership of over 200, 11 posts have a membership of from 100 to 200; 37 Posts have membership ranging from 50 to 100; 76 posts have a membership from 30 to 50; 127 Posts have a membership of from 15 to 30, and 65 Posts have a membership of less than 15. The most encouraging feature is that these smaller Posts with few exceptions are enthusiastic, and say that they will hold on as long as they can muster a quorum.

And now, reluctantly, I touch upon the matter of "Out Posts." The attention of this Department has been called to this important matter for several years, yet with little, if any, success. From my knowledge of the situation, I am of the firm belief that an active campaign should be inaugurated for establishing Out Posts; that the larger and stronger Posts of the Department should take the initiative. The difficulty seems to be that it will take time and some little expense on the part of some comrade or Post, and none have seen fit, except in one case, to make the effort. Believing that an effort should be made, I would like to see this Encampment take the initiative, and that an effort be made even at a little expense to the Department; enough to give the movement a trial.

FINANCES.

There has been received by me during the year from all sources the sum of \$2,740.70. Of this amount by far the larger proportion comes from the per capita tax. From this source I have received the following:

For the term ending June 30, 1907.....	\$1,102 70
For term ending Dec. 31, 1907	1,335 10
From sale of supplies	280 25
Reinstatement of delinquent Posts	6 87
Charter	10 00
From other sources	5 78
Total receipts	<u>\$2,740 70</u>

This amount has been turned over to the Assistant Quartermaster General in vouchers and cash and for which I have his receipts.

While there has been a decrease in membership, there has been a slight increase in monies received. This increase was largely in the per capita tax received from the second term, when the rate of 12½ cents went into effect.

SUPPLIES.

There is a slight falling off each year in the amount of supplies sold. The reports show that 317 members have been received by muster during the year. Rules and regulations provide that a comrade "Upon muster shall receive from the Post a membership badge, the cost thereof being added to the membership fee." (See Section 8, Article II, Chapter II, Rules and Regulations). The number of membership badges sold during the year would not supply one-half of the comrades mustered in. I fear that some of the Posts are neglecting to supply the badge as required, or are substituting the button in place of the badge. This substituting the button in place of the badge cannot be done and obey the rules and regulations.

There is on hand supplies to the value of \$67.97, as shown by exhibit A.

The value of the Department property as shown by inventory, (see exhibit B), is \$126.50.

The Journals of the Twenty-ninth Department Encampment were delayed in being printed. They are being distributed at this encampment. For some good reason no doubt, the National Department has furnished this Department only twenty copies of the Journal of the Forty-first National Encampment, with notice that "Comrades or Posts desiring copies could secure them by sending to Col. J. Henry Holcomb, Asst. Q. M. Gen., G. A. R., Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., enclosing twelve cents for postage."

There have been but two meetings of the Council of Administration and but one of the Executive Committee. Proceedings of these meetings are submitted with this report and will appear in the Journal.

VISITING POSTS.

I have visited quite a number of Posts and Grand Army meetings during the year, and should have been glad to visit many more had my purse and time not been limited. I have felt for some time that the interest and efficiency of this Department would be materially increased if more meetings and camp-fires could be visited by the Department officers. Much has been done in this line, but it is nearly all at personal expense. I believe this Department would be the gainer and not the loser if a small amount could be appropriated to help pay expenses in visiting Posts.

I receive many letters asking questions which are all plainly answered by the rules and regulations. I am led to believe that many Posts are without rules and regulations, they being lost or destroyed. I would respectfully recommend that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to send five copies of the rules and regulations to each Post of the Department. I estimate that this would cost the Department from \$45.00 to \$48.00. Quite a number of changes have been made in the past five years, and the latest rules and regulations should be in the hands of every Post.

With the establishment of permanent headquarters in the Capitol building at Lansing, and the keeping of all supplies there, the work in the office is yearly increasing. The frequent change of Post officers

especially that of Adjutant and Quartermaster, leads to confusion and loss of records, and soon we have Posts claiming that they have a membership of only so many and they have been paying per capita tax on too many members; that they do not propose to pay for dead horses any longer. Such a statement leads to much correspondence and time spent in looking over reports so as to adjust matters and keep them running smoothly.

MEMBERSHIP.

While the membership is steadily decreasing, this should not lead to discouragement. From the most reliable information to be had, for every two comrades enrolled in our ranks, there are three outside. One comrade who is very active in recruiting the membership of his Post, says: "It is more easy getting recruits now than three or five years ago." This same comrade has brought into his Post within the year fifty-nine members. If every Post had as active a recruiting officer, I can see where permanent and increasing membership would result. I fear many of us are becoming indifferent and are not willing to put forth the effort necessary. There is no good reason why every soldier who served in the great army for the suppression of the gigantic rebellion should not be in our ranks. All that is necessary, comrades, is personal work on your part. Don't leave it all for one comrade to do.

In closing, Commander, I desire to thank you for the honor conferred, and the confidence bestowed in appointing me your Assistant Adjutant General. To me our relations have been of the most cordial and pleasant nature, and I trust that the friendship of the year will continue as long as life shall last. My association with the other officers of the Department and members of the staff have been of the most agreeable nature, and to all I have only the best wishes.

I have endeavored to perform my duties faithfully, and if I have succeeded and my efforts have met your approbation, I shall be amply rewarded. To the comrades, one and all, let us hold fast to our order and lose no effort to advance its interests.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Department Commander: As committee on the report of the Assistant Adjutant General, I will appoint Comrade J. O. Bellaire, Post 5; P. H. McBride, Post 262; George Raab, Post 145.

EXHIBIT "A."

INVENTORY OF SUPPLIES ON HAND, JUNE 13, 1908, AS REPORTED TO THIRTIETH DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT.

Articles.	Amount.
7 Sets Rituals at 50 cents	\$3 56
5 Service Books at 15 cents	75
127 Rules and Regulations at 3 cents	3 81
203 Application Blanks at 40 cents	81
31 Leaves of absence at 1½ cents	46
212 Transfers at \$2.25 per hundred	4 55
103 Discharges at \$2.25 per hundred	2 32
3 Charters at 25 cents	75
3 Post Descriptive Books at 50 cents	1 50
14 Badges at 35 cents	4 90
62 Rank Bars (one-half of these are damaged) at 21 cents.	13 02
283 Badge Ribbons at 3 cents	8 49
43 Buttons at 6 cents	2 58
157 Odes at ½ cent	78
4 Beaths Blue Book at 75 cents	3 00
1 Minute book at 50 cents	50
12 Q. M. Receipts for Dues at 25 cents	3 00
6 Orders on Quartermaster at 25 cents	1 25
80 Adjutant's Record Book at 15 cents	12 00
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	\$67 97

EXHIBIT "B."

DEPARTMENT PROPERTY ON HAND.

One U. S. Silk Flag (Standard) mounted	\$25 00
One Union Jack bunting, mounted	10 00
One Department banner, silk, badly worn	25 00
One Smith Premier typewriter No. 2; old but in fair working order .	35 00
One Letter scale	1 50
One Department seal	2 00
One numbering machine	8 50
One Letter Press	1 50
One copying pad bath (badly rusted)	1 00
One Registration rack	3 00
Two Frames for Department Commanders' photographs	14 00
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	\$126 50

Department Commander: At this time I desire to announce the Committee on Resolutions: As members of that committee I will name:

Comrade H. M. Duffield, Post 384; Comrade E. C. Cannon, Post 16;
Comrade George L. Holmes, Post 17; Comrade Albert Dunham, Post 48;
Comrade L. G. Wilcox, Post 419.

Department Commander: The next order of business will be report of the Assistant Quartermaster General.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

DETROIT, June 17, 1908.

William Jibb, Department Commander:

Dear Sir and Comrade: I have the honor to report the following amounts received and disbursed by the Assistant Quartermaster General, Department of Michigan, G. A. R., from June 12, 1907, to June 17, 1908.

Received from Past Asst. Q. M. General Wm. E. Bostock....	\$1,645 73
Received from Past Asst. Q. M. Gen. Wm. E. Bostock, Alger Fund	1,000 00
Received from Asst. Adj. General Fayette Wyckoff.....	2,740 70
Received from Interest on General Fund	59 81
Received from interest on Alger Fund	39 91
Received from Board at Saratoga	36 00
Received from Mrs. Jibb and Mr. F. King for Board at Saratoga	12 00
Total receipts	\$5,534 15
Total disbursements	2,727 45
Balance on hand	\$2,806 70

One thousand dollars of general fund and \$1,000 of Alger fund is deposited in Holland City State Bank and drawing interest at four per cent, and \$869.02 general fund is deposited in the Adrian State Savings Band and drawing interest at three per cent.

An itemized statement of receipts and disbursements is herewith attached and which will appear in the Journal when printed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

GEORGE R. COCHRANE.

Assistant Quartermaster General, Dept. of Mich., G. A. R.

DETAILED REPORT OF GEO. R. COCHRANE, ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL,
IN ACCOUNT WITH DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, G. A. R.

Date.	Receipts.	Amount.
1906.		
June 26...	Cash received from Wm. E. Bostock, Past Assistant Q. M. General:	
	Balance General Fund.....	\$1,645 73
	Balance Alger Fund.....	1,000 00
July 5...	Cash and vouchers 1, 2 and 3 from Fayette Wyckoff.....	211 43
July 8...	Cash from Fayette Wyckoff.....	200 00
July 16...	Cash and voucher 4 from Fayette Wyckoff.....	245 84
July 27...	Cash and vouchers 5, 6 and 7 from Fayette Wyckoff.....	265 62
July 31...	Cash interest on certificate of deposit from June 12 to July 21, 39 days, General Fund from Holland City State Bank.....	6 50
	Cash interest on certificate of deposit from June 12 to July 21, 39 days, Alger Fund, from Holland City State Bank.....	4 33
Aug. 21...	Cash by vouchers 8, 9 and 10 from Fayette Wyckoff.....	104 17
Sept. 29...	Cash by vouchers 11 and 12 from Fayette Wyckoff.....	38 86
Oct. 16...	Cash from Geo. Durfee, board at Saratoga.....	12 00
Oct. 28...	Cash interest on certificate of deposit for 3 months, General Fund from Hol- land City State Bank.....	15 00
Nov. 15...	Cash by vouchers 13, 14 and 15 from Fayette Wyckoff.....	22 83
Dec. 2...	Cash interest on deposits, General Fund, from Adrian State Savings Bank.....	1 52
1908.		
Jan. 6...	Cash and vouchers 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 from Fayette Wyckoff.....	413 44
Jan. 17...	Cash and voucher 21 from Fayette Wyckoff.....	445 84
Jan. 28...	Cash and vouchers 22 and 23 from Fayette Wyckoff.....	218 30
Feb. 4...	Cash and voucher 24 from Fayette Wyckoff.....	195 83
	Cash by vouchers A-1 and B-2.....	24 00
Mar. 25...	Cash by vouchers 25 to 33 inclusive from Fayette Wyckoff.....	182 97
June 3...	Cash and vouchers 34 to 38 inclusive from Fayette Wyckoff.....	133 32
	Cash by interest on certificates of deposit on General Fund from Holland City State Bank to June 16.....	25 67
	Cash by interest on certificates of deposit on Alger Fund from Holland City State Bank to June 16.....	35 58
	Cash by interest on deposits on General Fund from Adrian State Savings Bank.....	11 12
June 11...	Cash from Mrs. Jibb and Mr. F. King for board at Saratoga.....	12 00
June 16...	Cash and vouchers 39, 40 and 41.....	62 25
	Total receipts.....	\$5,534 15

DISBURSEMENTS AS SHOWN BY VOUCHERS.

Date.	Disbursements.	Amount.
1907.		
June 29...	Paid for postage for Asst. Q. M. General, voucher A.....	\$0 58
July 2...	Paid J. H. Baker, agent American Bonding Co., premium on bond of Asst. Q. M. General, voucher B.....	12 00
July 5...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, expenses to Adrian and return, voucher 1.....	5 18
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, last half of June salary, voucher 2.....	45 83
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, postage and office expenses, voucher 3.....	10 42
July 16...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, first half of July salary, voucher 4.....	45 84
July 27...	Paid Frederick Carson, reporting proceedings of 29th Department Encampment, voucher 5.....	50 00
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, postage and office expenses, voucher 6.....	12 37
	Paid J. H. Saunders, cleaning typewriter, voucher 7.....	3 25
Aug. 9...	Paid Chas. Burrows, Q. M. General, per capita tax, voucher C.....	193 03
	Paid Adrian State Savings Bank exchange on N. Y. draft for per capita tax, voucher D.....	25
Aug. 20...	Paid Chas. Burrows, Q. M. General, supplies, voucher E.....	31 65
	Paid Adrian State Savings Bank, exchange on N. Y. draft for supplies, voucher F.....	10
Aug. 21...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, last half July salary, voucher 8.....	45 83
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, postage, office expenses and printing, voucher 9.....	12 50
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, first half of August salary, voucher 10.....	45 84
Aug. 27...	Paid Wm. Jibb, Department Commander, stamps, voucher G.....	3 00
Aug. 31...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, last half of August salary, voucher H.....	45 83
Sept. 4...	Paid Jos. K. Davison's Sons, Past Department Commander's badge, voucher I.....	35 00
Sept. 6...	Paid W. F. King, Jr., Wabash agent, transportation for 6 members of drum corp from Adrian to Saratoga and return, voucher J.....	80 16
	Paid Squire Johnson, drum major Department of Michigan, transportation, voucher K.....	74 95
Sept. 7...	Paid Adrian State Savings Bank, exchange on N. Y. drafts, National Encampment's expenses at Saratoga, N. Y., voucher L.....	25
Sept. 13...	Paid U. S. Hotel, hotel accommodations for headquarters, voucher M.....	222 00
Sept. 14...	Paid S. D. Pierce, decorating headquarters, voucher N.....	15 00
Sept. 15...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, first half September salary, voucher O.....	45 84
Sept. 29...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, postage, printing and office expenses, voucher 11.....	13 96
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, expenses connected with Encampment at Saratoga, voucher 12.....	24 90
Sept. 30...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, last half September salary, voucher P.....	45 83
Oct. 8...	Paid Adrian State Savings Bank, exchange on two N. Y. drafts to Jos. K. Davison's Sons for badges, voucher 2.....	20
Oct. 9...	Paid Jos. K. Davison's Sons, 250 Department badges, voucher R.....	55 00
Oct. 17...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, first half of October salary, voucher S.....	45 84
Nov. 5...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, last half of October salary, voucher T.....	45 83
Nov. 11...	Paid Lawrence & Van Buren Printing Co., supplies, voucher U.....	25 90
Nov. 15...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, postage and office expenses, voucher 13.....	15 58
	Paid The Dyer-Jenison-Barry Co., Ltd., premium on bond of A. A. General, voucher 14.....	5 00
	Paid Crotty Bros., supplies, voucher 15.....	2 25
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, first half November salary, voucher V.....	45 84
Nov. 21...	Paid Chas. Burrows, Q. M. General, supplies, voucher W.....	48 90
	Paid Adrian Savings Bank, exchange on N. Y. draft to Chas. Burrows, Q. M. General for supplies, voucher X.....	10
Dec. 2...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, last half November salary, voucher Y.....	45 83
Dec. 28...	Paid Geo. R. Cochran, A. Q. M. General, first half year's salary, voucher Z.....	25 00

DISBURSEMENTS.—Concluded.

Date.	Disbursements.	Amount.
1908.		
Jan. 6...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, first half December salary, voucher 16	\$45 84
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, postage and office expenses, voucher 17	17 81
	Paid Robert Smith Printing Co., printing and supplies, voucher 18	94 10
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, last half December salary, voucher 19	45 83
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, stamps, printing and office expenses, voucher 20	9 86
Jan. 17...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, first half January salary, voucher 21	45 84
Jan. 28...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, railroad and hotel expenses, visit to Dowagiac, voucher 22	7 10
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, postage and office expenses, voucher 23	11 20
Feb. 4...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, last half January salary, voucher 24	45 83
	Paid H. A. Chapin, 4 days' services at headquarters at Saratoga, voucher A-1	12 00
	Paid H. Spaulding, 4 days' services at headquarters at Saratoga, voucher B-2	12 00
Mar. 10...	Paid Chas. Burrows, Q. M. General, supplies, voucher C-3	51 80
	Paid Adrian State Savings Bank, exchange on N. Y. draft to Chas. Burrows, Q. M. General for supplies, voucher D-4	10
Mar. 13...	Paid Chas. Burrows, Q. M. General, per capita tax, voucher E-5	187 04
	Paid Adrian State Savings Bank, exchange on N. Y. draft to Chas. Burrows, Q. M. General, for per capita tax, voucher F-6	25
Mar. 25...	Paid Mrs. Etta Saunders, engrossing memorial resolutions (3), voucher 25	5 00
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, first half February salary, voucher 26	45 84
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, railroad fare to Adrian and return, voucher 27	3 66
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, postage and office expenses, voucher 28	11 29
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, last half February salary, voucher 29	45 83
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, railroad and hotel expenses to Detroit and return for the Encampment, voucher 30	6 00
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, postage and office expenses, voucher 31	12 36
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, first half March salary, voucher 32	45 84
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, expenses in securing quarters at Toledo, voucher 33	7 15
April 1...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, last half March salary, voucher G-7	45 83
April 15...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, first half April salary, voucher H-8	45 84
April 30...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, last half April salary, voucher I-9	45 83
May 4...	Paid Wynkoop Hallenbeck Crawford Co., printing and binding 500 rosters 1908, voucher J-10	45 00
May 5...	Paid for stamps for Asst. Q. M. General, voucher K-11	1 00
May 15...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, first half May salary, voucher L 12	45 83
June 3...	Paid Lawrence & Van Buren Printing Co., printing, voucher 34	8 75
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, postage and office expenses, voucher 35	12 78
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, railroad fare to Detroit and return, voucher 36	3 85
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, last half May salary, voucher 37	45 83
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, postage and office expenses, voucher 38	22 11
June 9...	Paid Geo. R. Cochrane, Asst. Q. M. General, last half year's salary, voucher M-13	25 00
June 11...	Paid Wm. Jibb, Department Commander, postage, voucher N-14	3 00
June 16...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, first half June salary, voucher 41	45 84
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, postage and expenses, voucher 40	6 60
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, for Hallenbeck Printing Co., voucher 39	8 00
	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General, sundries, expenses at Detroit	8 05
	Paid Geo. R. Cochrane, railroad fare to Detroit and return	2 00
	Paid Geo. Raab, railroad fare to Detroit and return	2 00
	Paid M. D. Richardson, railroad fare to Detroit and return	8 46
	Paid S. Mallory, Ex. C., railroad fare to Detroit	6 96
	Paid Wm. Jibb, railroad fare to Detroit and return	2 00
	Paid Dan J. Willson, railroad fare to Detroit and return	2 55
	Paid Geo. Durfee, services at Saratoga	12 00
	Paid Geo. R. Cochrane, Asst. Q. M. General, railroad fare and expenses to Saratoga	20 11
Total disbursements.....		\$2,727 45

Department Commander: I will appoint on the Assistant Quartermaster General's report Comrade D. B. K. Van Raalte, Post 262; Comrade Albert Dunham, Post 48; Comrade Hope Welch, Post 45.

Department Commander: The next order of business will be the report of the Judge Advocate General.

REPORT OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan:

As Judge Advocate of this Department it is a satisfaction to report that there is little to report. There is no class of men, who in feeling and good fellowship are more closely allied than are the members of the Grand Army. Disputes and litigation are conspicuous by their absence.

During my term as Judge Advocate of the Department, I have been called upon but once for an opinion upon a dispute arising in this Department. A Post of this Department, with commendable spirit, set about raising funds to build a monument to commemorate their comrades who made the great sacrifice for humanity and have gone to meet their reward at the hands of the Great Power to whom men and nations yield obedience. With the very greatest sympathy with the object those comrades had in view, I could only treat the matter in a cold-blooded way and rule on the question as I understood the law to be. The opinion states the facts and will explain itself.

OPINION.

BAY CITY, MICH., Jan. 8, 1908.

Opinion of the Judge Advocate in the matter of dispute of H. C. Gilbert, Post No. 47, G. A. R., Department of Michigan, based upon correspondence of officers and members of the Post and on the report of the Assistant Adjutant General.

Some time in the early part of 1907, the Post determined to build a monument to the veterans of Dowagiac and Cass County. Some six thousand and more dollars were raised for this purpose; the sum being raised by subscription by veterans and citizens—except fifteen hundred dollars which was donated—one thousand dollars by Cass County and five hundred dollars by the City of Dowagiac. The statements of the Adjutant of the Post in a letter of February 10, 1907, to the then Judge Advocate, Comrade Atkinson, shows that a committee was appointed consisting of three members of the Post and two non-soldier citizens. His letter does not show, neither is there any evidence, that this committee was given any power further than to organize by choosing a chairman, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. No further power seems to have been given this committee. The committee it appears, never made a report. And no claim is made that its acts were ratified by the Post. After the money was raised it appears that the chairman of the committee disagreed with the other members as to a design; four of the committee insisting on accepting a design offered, and awarding the putting up of the monument to a Minneapolis firm, while

the chairman insisted that the design was faulty, and not what was desired by the veterans and citizens.

On the seventh of February, a meeting of the Post was held at which a vote was taken and carried by a majority, to discharge the committee appointed and appoint another. It is claimed that this meeting was illegal, as appears from a letter from the Adjutant of the Post to the Judge Advocate, dated February fifth, 1907, for the following reasons:

1. The meeting was called without consulting the Adjutant.

2. That there were present three persons, a young lady stenographer and two young men who had no affiliation with the Grand Army. (It does not appear that any of them took part in the meeting. It is however claimed that an ex-soldier, who had no connection with the Grand Army, voted.)

3. That the committee was discharged by less than a two-thirds vote.

My predecessor held in an opinion of February 15, that this meeting of February was legal. I fully concur in his opinion, viz.: That the Post Commander could legally call a meeting without consulting the Adjutant; that the presence of the young lady stenographer is legal for the reasons stated in his opinion. Furthermore, there does not appear to have been any Grand Army business carried on at that meeting. The meeting was for the purpose of re-arranging the committee composed of veterans and citizens, a matter in which both were equally interested and an open meeting might be held for such purpose. Another thing might be said, both factions took part in the business transacted and should be bound by it. Following this meeting another meeting of the Post was held on the twenty-sixth of February and again a majority voted to discharge the old committee. In the meeting of February seventh, the vote stood fifteen to discharge the committee and eight to retain it. At the meeting of February 26th, the vote stood thirteen against the old committee and nine in favor of it. I glean these facts from the letter of the Adjutant to the Judge Advocate, dated February tenth, and letter of Willis N. Farr of March fifth to the Assistant Adjutant General.

After the meeting of the twenty-sixth of February was called, and on the twenty-fifth of February it is said that the four members of the committee who, as it is claimed were discharged, entered into a contract with a Minneapolis firm accepting the design offered by that firm which had been strenuously objected to by the chairman of the committee. I do not understand that the second has entered into any contract. But the last committee appointed after the meeting of the twenty-sixth of February, notified the Minneapolis company not to go on with the contract, while an attorney has advised it to proceed. The whole matter is reduced to two questions. Which of the two committees is the legal one? Had the old committee any right to enter into any contract, or has the committee any right to make a contract on behalf of the Post?

Basing my judgment in part upon the decision of my predecessor, I think the first committee was legally discharged at the meeting of February seventh; that if they were not discharged under evidence they had no plenary power and could not enter into a contract. So far as can be seen by the evidence adduced, their duty was to gather facts

and report. A committee is the eyes and ears of the body it represents; it picks up information and reports to the main body for ratification or rejection of its reports and recommendations. What is said of the first committee will apply with equal force to the second. So far, it appears neither of the committees had or have power to bind the Post by any contract unless that contract was ratified. Under the showing made I am compelled to hold that the committee was by the action of the Post discharged; there is no legal contract; that neither committee could at any time enter into any contract binding on the Post; that a contract entered into by either committee would be void unless ratified by the Post. If the Post were incorporated a different question would be presented.

Respectfully yours in F. C. and L.,

JAMES VAN KLEECK,

Judge Advocate, Dept. of Mich., G. A. R.

Some time after this opinion was rendered I received the following letter:

DOWAGIAC, MICH., May 25, 1908.

Mr. James Van Kleeck, Bay City, Michigan:

Dear Sir and Comrade: Yours of April 29th received. It did not seem to require a reply as you indicated an early answer to mine of March 23, which I am awaiting with some anxiety. You will pardon me if I allude to a seeming point in your opinion of February 8, 1908; that is the majorities against the first committee in Post meetings of February 7 and 26, 1907. The call for February 7th was for a regular meeting of the Post and the committee was not aware that any change was contemplated, and as every member of the Post and citizens as well were aware that the original committee was authorized by the incorporated Post to carry the monument enterprise to a finish without even reporting farther to any authority, as per resolution sent you, the move was a surprise and both meetings run by our opponents on strictly political ward caucus methods.

Again I ask your indulgence.

Your opinion was based upon correspondence of officers and members of the Post and on the report of the Assistant Adjutant General. Now may I ask you what the A. A. G. had to report. He came here to adjust an election dispute and nothing else. He stated to Mr. Wilbur of the old committee that he was not here to talk monument at all and would not go into the subject, and did not meet any other member of the old committee or its friends except in Post meeting where the subject was not mentioned. His report would seem to me of small value. Even in the election his bias was all on one side. After announcing that a motion to elect a Post Commander was in order we forced him to read from the regulations that it was all out of order and not permissible. Then he said he knew that before. We have the monument matter in shape to present to the National Department, but feel that it belongs only to the State and should be settled here.

Very truly yours,

E. R. SPENCER.

To which the following reply was sent:

BAY CITY, MICH., May 27, 1908.

E. R. Spencer, Esq., Dowagiac, Michigan:

Dear Sir and Comrade: Yours of yesterday received. Your letter of March 23rd to which mine of April 29th was an acknowledgement of its receipt, was sent to the Assistant Adjutant General for explanation and instruction. It has not yet been returned to me. I do not understand that an official opinion should be rendered unless the subject was submitted to me by the Department Commander. I hope you will not regard me as over technical in this matter and that you may regard this letter as unofficial and written as one comrade might write to another. I trust further that you will not regard my opinion previously given as being biased or in the interest of either of the factions which appear to exist in your Post. Factions in Grand Army Posts as well as in other human institutions, have usually resulted in harm to the order.

In answer to your letter of yesterday I will say all of the correspondence together with the Assistant Adjutant's report was returned to headquarters with my opinion. I can not now recall all of the correspondence. My opinion was based upon what was before me. You refer in your letter of yesterday to the meetings of the Post of Feb. 7th and 26th, 1907. As I now remember, the objection raised to the legality of those meetings was that persons not members of the Post or of the Grand Army were present at one or both of those meetings. There was nothing in the correspondence showing that any of the ritualistic work was done while persons not members of the Post were present. Neither could it be assumed that the officers of the Post would permit outsiders to be present while working under ritual. Should this be done it might result in forfeiture of the charter of the Post. It is quite common for National, State Encampments and Posts, to suspend the business of the Post or Encampment and admit persons who are not members to enter and discuss matters of interest to the order. It must also be remembered that the building of monuments is not purely Grand Army work, especially in your case, where the board of supervisors, the city, and individual citizens had contributed largely to the fund, the expenditure of which is the subject of the controversy. In the absence of proof to the contrary, I assume that the officers were discharging their official duty, and that no ritualistic work was done in the presence of outsiders. That the meeting of February 7 was conducted as a ward caucus as you state in your letter of yesterday is an indefinite charge and I submit the question if this should be the subject of investigation by the Department. The officers of the Post control its action and so far as they act or permit the Post to act within the rules and regulations are independent of the Department.

Now, my Comrade, you say in yours of the 25th, "Now may I ask what the Adjutant General had to report?" It certainly would be improper for me to disclose the contents of an official document, a report made to the Commander, without his directions. The report was returned with all the correspondence and of course is under the control of the Department Commander.

In conclusion let me call your attention to a very grave question in this matter. In your former letter you say that the Post is incorporated. That this incorporated body appointed a committee with power to select and contract for the erection of a monument. The Post being a body corporate has such powers as the law in express term gives it, and such incidental powers as are necessary to carry into effect the object of its creation. The business of a corporation organized for trading or business purposes is conducted by a board of directors. A Grand Army Post is purely a fraternal society and it would seem that the executive officers of the Post would be the proper persons to execute a contract for the erection of a monument. The power to contract must be given by the Post; must be explicit and definite or the contract ratified after it is made.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

JAMES VAN KLEECK,

Judge Advocate.

This letter with a copy of the answer was sent to the Assistant Adjutant General.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

JAMES VAN KLEECK,

Judge Advocate.

Department Commander: I will appoint on the committee for the report of the Judge Advocate General, Comrade Burton Parker, Post 76; Comrade E. C. Anthony, Post 300; Comrade Lewis, Post 67.

Department Commander: I have a note from the Secretary of the Committee on Arrangements for this Encampment as follows: "Can you arrange to have group photo taken of Delegates upon adjournment on court house steps? If so, set time." They want to know at once.

Comrade ———: I think the proper time to have anything of that kind done will be after the parade.

Department Commander: The next order of business will be the report of the Chief Mustering Officer, Comrade Bennett. He is not here. We will pass that. We will listen to the report of the Patriotic Instructor, Comrade F. J. Buck, Post 45.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

ADRIAN, MICH., June 10, 1908.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan:

Dear Sir and Comrade: I have the honor to present the following report of the work of this office for the year ending June 17, 1908.

It was with some hesitation that the appointment of Department Patriotic Instructor was accepted, but through the earnest solicitation of Department Commander Jibb, it could not be easily declined. I felt that through the patriotic force and impulses of our Department Commander, and with the fullness of his faith in the cause, would supply my deficiencies; hence the acceptance with the determination to employ my best ability to carry forward what I considered to be the grandest purpose of our organization.

In many of the Posts in this Department the office of Patriotic Instructor has gone begging, the Commanders having been unable to secure comrades who would be willing to act; those who were qualified have not had the time to devote to the work.

In response to the circulars sent out in September, 1907, but 86 Posts have reported, and only 68 Post Patriotic Instructors have sent in their annual reports. I cannot account for it. The spirit of patriotism and love of country is today stronger in the hearts of the people than ever before. Some system should be suggested by the National Patriotic Instructor in regards to the rules to be followed that would be of great assistance to both the Department and Post Patriotic Instructors.

Nearly all of the schools in this State are supplied with flags. The flag itself is a great object teacher for though in a material sense it is but a fabric dyed, yet in its higher sense it represents principles that men have died for, and that give it a grandeur beyond words. Many of the teachers in the schools are very patriotic, and are careful to teach patriotism whenever the opportunity presents itself.

The reports sent to this office represent only 34,260 schools, with a total of 198,155 pupils. Post Patriotic Instructors should become personally acquainted with superintendents, principals and grade teachers of the public schools within their jurisdictions, and the Patriotic Instructors when visiting schools, should wear badges or uniforms. It would be well to invite teachers and pupils to attend campfires by the posts, have them speak or recite and listen to the war stories of the veterans. It would cause them to feel how much old soldiers appreciate their attention to patriotism and the old flag.

Some Posts during the year have held public meetings of a patriotic character, assisted by the Woman's Relief Corps.

I have been unable to visit Posts and would suggest that my successor be a comrade who has leisure and means at his command, which will be of material value both to him and the Department.

In conclusion, let me earnestly entreat the Post Patriotic Instructors to give their best efforts to the educational work taken up by the Grand Army of the Republic. The making of good citizens is largely the

work of the public schools, and the future of the nations will greatly depend upon the character of its teachings. Neglect, therefore, no opportunity to impress upon the pupils, by observances already instituted by the Grand Army, as well as by other methods, which may be deemed best suited to their localities, the proper lessons of loyalty and patriotism.

With thanks to the Department Commander for the honor conferred in naming me as Department Patriotic Instructor, I remain,

Fraternally yours in F. C. and L.,

FRED J. BUCK,

Department Patriotic Instructor.

Department Commander: I will appoint on that committee L. B. Wilcott, Post 6; H. L. Mickley, Post 45; J. N. Chappell, Post 33.

Department Commander: We will now listen to the report of the Assistant Inspector General, Department Inspector, Comrade Cook.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

LANSING, MICH., June 17, 1908.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic:

Comrade: Herewith please find report of this office for the past year:

Shortly after the Encampment of last year at Bay City, much to my surprise, appointment as Inspector was tendered me by the Department Commander. Believing that it is the duty of every comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic to accept work when tendered him, I entered upon the duties, though with many misgivings as to my ability to perform the duties in a manner creditable to the Department and acceptable to the comrades. The result, whether good, bad, or merely indifferent, is submitted.

As is now well known, an attempt was made, at the suggestion of the Department Commander, to inaugurate a system of county inspections, that is, to have all the Posts in each county inspected by some comrade detailed from and by this office. Correspondence was immediately commenced with comrades in the various counties where more than one Post was located requesting such comrades to accept detail for the county in which he resided, explanation being made that the Department could bear no part of the expense of travel or entertainment. Many declinations were received, and this necessitated more correspondence with other comrades. Generally the reason given for declination was the inability of comrades to bear the expense involved. However, in twenty-four counties details of accepting comrades were made, and blanks and instructions forwarded. From these comrades 105 reports were received. I regret to state that in a few counties details were accepted but no inspection reports were received. It is fair to presume that the Posts in these counties were not looked after.

As soon as it was ascertained that a comrade could not be obtained as county inspector in any given county a request was forwarded to the commanding officer of each Post in that county that the name of some suitable comrade as Post Inspector be sent to this office. During October and November each Post in the Department, not covered by the "county system," was addressed to the same effect. These requests were, in too many instances, unanswered, while the replies received from others indicated that comrades did not consider an inspection either necessary or desirable. The orders of the Department Commander were, therefore, simply ignored. Every Post in the Department was given an opportunity, and this office faithfully tried to have every Post inspected.

Following are the figures gathered from the inspection reports received, it being borne in mind that the inspection was made as of June 30th last:

Number of Posts inspected.....	196
Number of comrades in good standing in above Posts	8,261
Number of Posts reporting ritual properly exemplified	168
Number of Posts reporting ritual not properly exemplified..	28
Number of Posts reporting officers regular in attendance.....	61
Number of Posts reporting members regular in attendance...	131
Number of Posts reporting members not regular in attendance	65
Number of Posts reporting records well kept.....	190
Number of Posts reporting dues and reports forwarded.....	187
Number of Posts reporting a relief fund	27
Number of Posts reporting no relief fund.....	169
Amount in relief fund (26 Posts)	\$564 32
Amount expended for relief during preceding year (44 Posts)	653 82
Amount of money and securities in hands of Quartermasters (166 Posts)	10,164 10
Value of property owned by 162 Posts	61,630 12
Posts reporting auxiliary societies	157
Posts reporting prospects good.....	134
Posts reporting prospects fair	31
Posts reporting prospects poor	29
Posts reporting Camps of Sons of Veterans	6

Based on reports made to the Assistant Adjutant General the above figures show sixty per cent of the Posts and seventy-five per cent of the membership inspected.

Generally speaking the work of relief is in the hands of the Auxiliary Societies—with very few exceptions the Woman's Relief Corps—and this accounts for the apparent smallness both in amount of relief and cash in the relief fund. Many Posts are practically kept alive through the efforts of their attached corps. Many of the Assistant Inspectors speak in glowing terms of the hard work, willingly and gladly performed by the patriotic sisterhood.

While the value of property owned by the Posts is large it should be borne in mind that several Posts own the buildings in which they meet, while others have valuable collections of relics, memorials, etc.

Your Inspector herein desires to thank every comrade who aided in

the inspection, and especially the twenty-four who, at their own expense of time and money, performed the work in their respective counties. In a few cases Posts refunded the actual amount expended. Inspectors have, in all cases, given words of encouragement and cheer to the Posts, and it is believed that their visits have been productive of much good.

If these inspections are to be continued I would recommend that the county system be extended, that it be made obligatory upon Posts to pay the actual traveling expenses of the inspecting officer, and to furnish him at least twenty-four hours entertainment when required. It is very difficult to obtain comrades to do this work, and doubly so when they must bear their own expenses. The system, so long in use in this Department, whereby a Post was inspected by one of its own members, did and does not produce as good results as may be anticipated from the visit of a comrade from another Post. If this system is not pursued an entire abandonment of inspections must follow, as is now the case in the Department of Iowa and perhaps others.

Again, if inspections are to be of any value, they should be made, in this Department, not later than August or September, and as of the actual date when inspected. This would enable Department officers to extend assistance to weak Posts and to give encouragement where needed.

Thanking Department Commander Jibb for the honor conferred, and yourself for many courtesies,

I am yours in F. C. and L.,

WILLIAM W. COOK,

Department Inspector.

Department Commander: I will appoint on that Committee, Comrade James Van Kleeck, Post 67; Comrade H. A. Backus, Post 7; Comrade R. L. Jones, Post 38.

Department Commander: That concludes the reports of all the officers. We have gotten along very nicely because you have been so good and quiet and attended to the business which is your business.

Comrade Janes: I want to urge all of the boys to join in the parade this afternoon. The military of this city are to be your escort, headed by the Governor and his staff on horse. They are making great preparations in your honor. The Posts of this city and some of the adjoining towns are to be here to participate in the parade. The line of march is short, just down Woodward avenue to Jefferson, out to Beaubien and back here to Congress and the hall. Let everyone join in the parade for Old Glory. Let us show Detroit that we reverence and respect Old Glory and Grand Army Day. All be there at half-past one. The Grand Marshal is Charles A. Coolidge, a retired brigadier general of the regular army who served in the Civil War and who took the Ninth Infantry into Pekin during the China uprising. Come and follow him, cheer him, and let us have a grand parade. (Applause.)

Tonight at eight o'clock at the Light Guard Armory on the next street, Larned, where they will seat 4,000 people, occurs the Campfire. Commander-in-Chief Burton is to be there. We have prepared a program that will be entertaining. All come, wives and all. The Governor of the State will have something to say to you. Hon. Wm. C. Maybury,

a grand talker, will be there. Chief Duffield will be there and talk to you and we are going to have an Ex-Confederate who is a whole Campfire in himself. So come and hear him. Fill that hall with enthusiasm. (Applause.)

One other announcement I have been requested to make. Detroit Post 384, Grand Army of the Republic, whose Post Room is over the Wayne County Savings Bank, keeps open house to every comrade who calls from this morning until the next morning if you want to stay there. (Applause.)

Department Commander: The business of this Encampment will go right on after the parade. There will be no hesitation, we will go right on with the business, so be here if you want to partake in it.

Comrade Parker, Post 76: Comrade Foote of Kalamazoo and myself are somewhat interested in the election of Department Commander tomorrow and he and I have consulted and if it pleases the members of the Encampment, I move you, Sir, that the election of officers be made a special order of business at nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

Comrade ———, Post 62: I arise to a point of order, Commander. I may be wrong, but still I believe I am right. The Committee on Credentials has not reported and as I understand it, we are not in order to do business. This is executive business.

Department Commander: Your point of order is well taken and the motion is out of order. What is your further pleasure?

Comrade Schneider: Department Commander and Comrades: I have here in my hand a memorial in regard to the publication of the soldiers' record which I won't attempt to read now and I move you, Mr. Commander, that the same be received and referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Seconded and carried.

Comrade Kanitz: I move you, Sir, that the election of officers be held immediately upon assembling tomorrow morning.

Department Commander: I shall not entertain the motion.

Comrade ———, Post 395: I move you that this encampment do now take a recess until after the parade this afternoon.

Seconded and carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Department Commander: The Chairman of the Committee on Credentials will make a supplementary report now.

Assistant Adjutant General: The Committee on Credentials have not completed their report but we will make a supplementary report and ask permission to complete the report later on. Whole number of delegates thus far reported present 548, representing 162 Posts.

Department Commander: What will you do with the report?

Comrade Kanitz: I move that the report be accepted with the suggestion that they behave better after this.

Seconded and carried.

Comrade White, Post 79: I move you, Commander, that tomorrow morning at nine o'clock be set as the time for special order for election of officers for this encampment. I make this motion for this reason, that we have it in the morning because a great many delegates want to leave immediately after dinner for home. We want it in the morning so that all may have a voice in the election of officers. It is agreeable to Comrades Parker and Foote that this motion be made.

Seconded and carried.

Department Commander: The committee to report on the books of the Quartermaster General and Adjutant General will now make their report.

DETROIT, MICH., June 16, 1908.

To William Jibb, Department Commander, Department of Michigan, G. A. R.:

We, the members of the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration, respectfully report that we have carefully examined the books of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General of this Department, also the vouchers showing the receipts and disbursements of their respective offices, for the preceding year and find the same to be correct. The following statement is a summary of the receipts and disbursements for the said preceding year:

Balance on hand June 12, 1907:

General Fund	\$1,645 73
Alger Fund	1,000 00
Received from all other sources during the year	2,888 42
Total receipts	\$5,534 15

Amount of Disbursements:

Salary of Assistant Adjutant General	\$1,100 00
Salary of Assistant Quartermaster General	50 00
Per Capita Tax to National Department	380 07
Disbursements for all other purposes	1,197 38

Total disbursements \$2,727 45

Balance in hands of Q. M. General on this date:	
General Fund	\$1,806 70
Alger Fund	1,000 00
Total amount on hand	<u>\$2,806 70</u>

For itemized statement of expenditures see report of Assistant Q. M. General.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours in F. C. and L.,
M. D. RICHARDSON,
S. H. MALLERY,
GEORGE RAAB,
Committee.

Comrade Richardson: I move the adoption of the report.

Seconded and carried.

Department Commander: Are there any committees ready to report now?

Comrade Van Raalte: The committee having had under consideration the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General, from June 12, 1906, to June 17, 1908, respectfully report that they have found it correct and recommend its adoption.

Seconded and carried.

DETROIT, MICH., June 17, 1908.

To Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. G., of G. A. R.:

Your committee to which was referred the Assistant Quartermaster General's report from June 12, 1907, to June 17, 1908, respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration and find the report correct and recommend its adoption.

D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,
A. DUNHAM,
HOPE WELCH.

Committee.

Department Commander: Are there any other committees ready to report?

Comrade Bellaire: The Committee on the Adjutant General's report.

To the Department Commander:

Your committee on the report of the Assistant Adjutant General, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have examined with care the said report and the suggestions contained therein relative to suspended comrades; also the substitution of the button instead of the badge, which is contrary to the Rules and Regulations of the G. A. R.

That we further recommend that each Post should supply themselves with the Rules and Regulations of the G. A. R. The mere fact that

the report to this Encampment contains valuable suggestions will not avail unless acted upon and turned to our advantage.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH O. BELLAIRE,
P. H. McBRIDE,
GEORGE RAAB.

Committee.

Comrade Bellaire: I move that the report be adopted.

Seconded and carried.

J. J. Drake, Post 21: The committee on the report of the Junior Vice Commander report as follows:

DETROIT, MICH., June 17, 1908.

To Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General:

Your committee to whom the report of the Junior Vice Commander was referred, would respectfully report that they have examined the said report and recommend its adoption.

J. J. DRAKE,
G. W. WHEELER,
H. A. CHAPIN.

Committee.

Comrade Van Kleeck, Post 67: The committee on the report of the Department Inspector would respectfully submit the following:

DETROIT, MICH., June 17, 1908.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan,
Grand Army of the Republic:

Sir: We, the committee to whom was referred the report of Comrade William W. Cook, Department Inspector, respectfully report, that we have given the report of Department Inspector careful examination and commend this officer for the careful discharge of his duties.

Your committee is well aware of the difficulty the Department Inspector has had in securing the services of comrades to discharge duties wholly gratuitous, yet the Grand Army is based largely upon the generosity of its members. One of the true tests of the Grand Army member is: "What is he willing to do for his comrade or the order itself."

Your committee are fully in accord with the suggestions made by the Inspecting Officer, viz.: That a fund should be provided for the services of inspectors; yet how this fund could be provided is the question of serious importance.

Your committee are unanimous in the belief that a comrade from the Department, or from a different Post would be of more value as an Inspecting Officer than a member of the Post inspected.

Your committee, however, do not believe that it is expedient to require the Post to bear the expense. The burden would fall heavily on Posts, with few members, and in many cases would result in the surrender of their charters, and a general loss to the organization.

If a fund for inspection must be provided for, it must be done by the Department.

We recommend the matter of providing a fund for the inspection of Posts be referred to the Committee on Administration, with power given it to declare the office of Department Inspector vacant; or to appropriate from the general fund such sum as in their judgment may be sufficient to pay the expense on inspection.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES VAN KLEECK,

H. A. BACKUS,

R. L. JONES.

Committee.

Department Commander: Any further reports ready? What is your pleasure? I have a communication. (Reads.) "Will the delegates come to County Building for photo after this session. We have camera all ready.—C. M. Hayes & Co." This was brought to me this morning. What will you do?

Comrade ———, Post 17: I move that the invitation of Mr. Hayes be accepted.

Comrade Davey, Post 17: Comrade ——— has moved that this invitation be accepted. How many will be there representing this convention? Is there going to be a corporal's guard or a regiment?

Comrade Stone, Post 42: It is a very nice thing to have an invitation to have our photo taken. I would like to amend that by saying that we will go in a body.

Comrade Kanitz: Was that his amendment; Stone's amendment? I apprehend that you all mean to do what is right in the matter, but I think it is a physical impossibility for us to adjourn over there and have our beautiful mugs taken. I know what will happen. About a baker's dozen will go and get a picture taken. I think it is impracticable to accept that invitation. I think your motive is good but I think it is impracticable and we should not waste any time with it.

Comrade Davey, Post 17: I move that the motion be laid on the table.

Seconded and carried.

Department Commander: Any further reports?

Assistant Adjutant General: (Reads.) The committee on the report of the Patriotic Instructor respectfully report that the committee have read the report carefully and recommend its adoption.

L. P. WOLCOTT,

J. N. CHAPPELL,

H. L. MICKLEY,

Committee.

Comrade Raab, Post 145: Of course, that is all that we can do is to accept that report, but this Department does not know by the report of the Patriotic Instructor nor the committee that has made this report on his report what has been done throughout the Department by visiting schools. I stand up here to speak for Post 145, and what has been done by them in visiting schools. If the report of the Patriotic Instructor of Post 145 would be read to this Department you would

see what has been done and if the work that was done by this Post was copied and emulated by other Posts, you would have an entirely different report than you received this morning from the Patriotic Instructor. It does not go far enough. It went as far as it could go. There are certain duties laid down for you to do, visit these schools, talk to the children. Post Patriotic Instructors are supposed to appoint assistants to visit these schools to talk to the children. How many of you do it? The report of Crapo Post 145, shows that five or six comrades visited in the city of Flint all of the public schools, the parochial schools and the schools in the county. The Patriotic Instructor of the Post devoted his time to this for weeks. We also had a public meeting for the teachers of the city, a reception along the line of patriotic work. It was largely attended. We had a banquet for them, everything of that kind, and I want to say to you that there is not a Post in the State of Michigan that can equal the report of the Patriotic Instructor of Crapo Post. I would like to have this Encampment hear his report because the report is so good that next year some of you fellows will come in here with an improvement.

Comrade Davey, Post 17: If we are going to get a report from every Post and from every comrade, our time will be taken up. I move that the report of the Patriotic Instructor be accepted.

Comrade White, Post 79: The Post appointed me Patriotic Instructor and I visited every school in Kalamazoo excepting the parochial schools and better attention I never saw. I never saw anywhere, even among the old soldiers, better attention than those children exhibited on those occasions. The teachers would join with them and always say: "Come again, come again."

Comrade Barney, Post 145: Our Post Commander appointed me Patriotic Instructor and I determined to do the work thoroughly. With the help of some of the comrades, we went to all the schools with the permission of the superintendent, the commissioner of schools and the school board, and I want to say to you that they were all very anxious to have us go. I saw Father Murphy and I said: "Do you want us to come to your schools?" And he said: "Right, my boy, we would not have you kept out." I want to say that this is one of the important matters that we have before us at this time. We sat in Flint between 700 on each side in the hall and better attention you could not get with older people. For one hour they just sat there and listened to the stories we gave them. These Patriotic Instructors are slighting their duty. We are going into our graves with these stories untold and I hope this will not be left in such a slipshod way. It ought to be done in every city in the State. We went out into the county and visited 4,500 of them there and I want to say that this is one of the most important question before us. Ten or fifteen years from now we will be gone and our stories will be gone with us. (Applause.)

Department Commander: The question is on the adoption of the report of the Patriotic Instructor.

The motion was supported and carried.

Department Commander: Are there any further reports?

Comrade Parker, Post 76: The committee appointed to examine the report of the Judge Advocate is ready to report.

DETROIT, MICH., June 17, 1908.

Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic:

Sir: The committee appointed for the consideration of the report of the Judge Advocate of the Department have the honor to report that we have carefully examined the report referred to, and find it to be correct, and a clear statement of the law pertaining to cases of the character in question, and was prepared with much care and study, clearly showing that its author, the Judge Advocate, had given much time and attention to it, and exhibited in its preparation marked ability, not only as an able lawyer, but well grounded in rules, regulations and decisions pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic.

BURTON PARKER,
EDWARD C. ANTHONY,
GRIFF LEWIS.

Committee.

It was moved and supported that the report of the committee on the Judge Advocate's report be adopted.

Carried.

Comrade Griswold, Post 5: The committee on the report of Medical Director would report as follows: -

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Medical Director, respectfully report that we have examined the same and commend the manner in which it is made, and the completeness of the report.

It shows, however, the negligence of Post surgeons. There were reported to the Adjutant General 508 deaths among our membership, while only 244 were reported to the Medical Director. Greater care should be exercised by the Posts in the selection of surgeons, and Post surgeons should keep careful records and make reports in accordance with our regulations, so that the Medical Director's books may give a complete record of our deceased comrades.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. GRISWOLD,
J. C. SALMON,
L. A. KINNEY.

Committee.

Assistant Adjutant General: I want to explain. This Department is entitled to twenty-one delegates to the National Encampment to be held in Toledo, August 31 to September 5. As is our custom, each district appoints one delegate and one alternate, then there will be the others to be selected by you as a committee. I have prepared the blanks on which the districts can make reports of their choice and as I call the district be sure that whoever has this blank will attend the meeting and make a report on this blank so that I will have the names and everything complete.

Department Commander: As the district is called somebody will announce where the meeting will be held and the Adjutant will put it on the slip and you will know.

The Adjutant called the districts and places were designated for the meetings.

The committee appointed to act as escort to the Commander-in-Chief appeared at the outpost. The Commander rapped the Encampment to their feet and the Commander-in-Chief was escorted to the platform amid applause.

Department Commander: Comrades, salute your Commander-in-Chief, Comrade C. G. Burton.

Department Commander: Comrades, we are notified that a committee of the Ladies of the G. A. R. are at the outer door. You will be at ease. The Officer of the Day will admit the ladies. The committee to escort the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic to the platform will be Comrades Lawrence, Barney and Kanitz.

The ladies were escorted to the platform by the committee duly appointed.

Comrade Kanitz: Commander, it affords me great pleasure to introduce to you the committee from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Department Commander: Ladies of the G. A. R.: It gives me pleasure at this time to greet you and to have you with us. The Ladies are the fundamental foundation of the Grand Army of the Republic and all its principles. Were it not for the ladies, I doubt if we would be in existence today. I doubt if we would be an organization today were it not for the support received from these loyal ladies and we are pleased to meet you here today. In behalf of this Department and of these loyal Boys, I bid you welcome.

The Department Commander then introduced Mrs. Ward.

Mrs. Ward: Comrades of the Grand Army, it gives me great pleasure today to come to an assemblage of heroes; yes, heroes, every one, though in plain citizen's dress, without any epaulets, swords or gaudy trappings of war, none the less heroes, because after four years of the longest and bloodiest war of history, you could beat your swords into ploughshares, your spears into pruning hooks and go back to the every day monotony of common life without a murmur, our soldiers of the Civil War.

Comrades, we are appointed to come not for self-seeking, but to keep fresh and green the memory of your great deeds that have preserved our fair land and undivided country. It is our duty and privilege to care for you when sick and afflicted, to comfort your widows and orphans, and at last when one by one you cross the dark river to join the great majority where tents are never struck, to lay reverently and lovingly on your silent breast that flag for which you fought so long and well.

We Americans are proud to speak of these United States. Have we ever paused to think what would be this country as divided states? If the South had succeeded in their foul dream of treason and you soldiers had given up the struggle to preserve the Union when you had left nearly a half million of your comrades on southern battlefields and in southern prisons, the South no doubt would have become a monarchy

like treacherous England, and both North and South with diminished powers would have been in a constant struggle and an easy prey to surrounding countries and after the first secession had proved successful, how long before the East and West, for some fanciful grievance, would have split apart also? All our great commercial enterprises that have flourished with almost miraculous power since the close of the war would then have been unknown. Our great West would still have been the "Happy Hunting Grounds" of Indians instead of being covered with prosperous cities and happy homes, and instead of being the strongest, richest and most flourishing Nation in all the world, we would have been turned into insignificance, perhaps blotted out forever like the South American states, or the little Central American countries, always in quarrels.

The Romans looked at patriotism as the greatest of all virtues. You remember the story in the palmy days of Rome when the great gulf opened in the heart of the beautiful city and the affrighted people ran to their priests and said: "What shall we do to close this awful gulf?" and the priests consulted their augurs and oracles and they said: "Not till the most precious thing in all Rome is thrown into the gulf will it close." And the affrighted people brought their gold and silver, their precious jewels, their great, priceless works of art and threw them into the gulf, but to no avail. At last a young man of the bluest blood of the Patricians, who had won great honors in battles of the Romans, mounted his war horse, came to the edge of the gulf and said: "Nothing in all this world is more precious than patriotism, youth and courage." And he sprang into the gulf. It closed.

"Some things are worthless
Some others so good
That Nations who buy them
Pay only in blood.

For Freedom and Union
Each man owes a part,
And Soldiers paid their share
All warm from the heart."

(Applause.)

Department Commander: I take pleasure in presenting Mrs. Dickson.

Mrs. Dickson: I just came to greet you and bid you a hearty welcome to our beautiful city. I hope that each and everyone of you when you leave here will say that it is one of the best cities you have ever attended in convention. I bid you good afternoon.

Department Commander: The Adjutant will please present the Ladies with one of the badges of the Encampment.

Comrade Kanitz: This is one of my best girls. We were young together.

The badges were pinned on the Ladies, after which they retired.

REPORT OF LADIES OF G. A. R.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE LADIES OF THE G. A. R.,
DEPARTMENT OF MICH.

June 17, 1908.

Commander C. E. Foote of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic:

Dear Sir and Comrade: I wish to give you just a few of the things we as an organization have been doing the past year:

Cash received during year	\$1,173 59
Disbursed for relief, etc.....	877 41

Forty-two flags have been placed on the breasts of departed comrades. We are ever watching to do something for those who sacrificed all that was dear to them to save our country.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA M. EARLE,
President.

EMMA WHITTAKER,
Secretary.

Department Commander: It would seem to me that it ought not to be necessary for me at this time to introduce to you a Comrade who is known all over this United States, but I take pleasure in introducing to you and presenting to you at this time our Commander-in-Chief, Comrade Burton. Comrades, salute. (Applause.)

Commander-in-Chief, C. G. Burton: Department Commander and Comrades of Michigan: I bid you greeting. I have just landed down here at the depot and one of your outposts captured me. They have got my uniform, they have got my quinine, they have got about everything that I would like to have just now. My nose is full of dust and my throat has accumulated considerable Michigan real estate. I hope ere long to get washed and cleaned up and be presentable. Your outposts informed me that they had been instructed to bring me right here, so I came without any hesitancy, because the greeting of a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic by his comrades in council assembled does not depend upon his personal appearance or his clothing. A comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic is always at home in the council chambers of his comrades. (Applause.)

I have had something of a strenuous time in order to get here. There are four of our Department Encampments in session now, New York, Ohio, Michigan and Wisconsin, and although the Grand Army of the Republic has accomplished a great many things, it has not been able to eliminate either time or space and it is absolutely a physical impossibility for a comrade of the Grand Army to be in two places at one and the same time. Since I left my home in Missouri, I have visited the

Encampment at Pennsylvania, from there to New York City to participate in the unveiling of the Lincoln Memorial tablet, and from there to Iowa, from there to Minnesota, and from there to Wisconsin, and by traveling night and day I am here with you today, as I hope to be with the Ohio boys tomorrow noon.

I understand from the newspaper, Department Commander, that you are to have a Campfire tonight at which time I am to speak to the Comrades of the Grand Army. That being true, boys, I shall not tax your time and attention at this time. Assembled in Encampment, I take it for granted that you have business to do and perform. The Grand Army of the Republic, like every other deliberative organization that has business to do should do it decently and in order. I do not know whether you have reached the election of officers or not. As the days of the Grand Army grow less and as the comrades view the honor that is conferred in pinning upon their breasts the badge of Department Commandership, I doubt not that you will have an interesting time tomorrow in selecting your officers for the ensuing year. It has been my pleasure at several of the Encampments to be present when the election of officers occurred and I have listened to eloquence of all kinds and character and among others I read the most remarkable speech the other day in nominating a comrade. It was short but it was effective. Said a comrade upon the floor: "I desire to place in nomination Comrade So-and-So. I shall not take up your time by enumerating here his military record or his virtues as a comrade, but I shall content myself with saying that he is as good as the best of us and a damned sight better than the rest of us." (Laughter and applause.) While perhaps the man who shall receive your suffrages will not be put in nomination in that way, yet I hope he shall at least possess those qualifications.

I shall not be able to meet with you again in council because I am compelled to leave on the morning train. I desire to congratulate you, I desire to congratulate the Grand Army of the Republic and above all, I desire to congratulate the widows of our dead comrades upon the fact that after five years of a hard fight the pension bills of the Grand Army of the Republic, both as to comrades and as to widows, are today a part of the law of the United States. (Applause.)

Five years ago at San Francisco the National Encampment by unanimous vote declared in favor of the service pension bill and an increased widows' pension bill. A year ago that portion of the Grand Army bill having reference to the comrade, with but two slight amendments, became the law of the land, and on Sunday, the 19th day of April last, the President affixed his signature to the Grand Army bill which gives widows twelve dollars instead of eight dollars per month. (Applause.)

I have at times heard some comrades of that old army claim that the Grand Army of the Republic had accomplished but little, and yet, boys, it is a fact, an undeniable fact, that with the exception of the original pension law of 1862, known as the general law, every subsequent enactment affording affirmative relief of a general character, as well as their enactment in regard to the administration of the pension laws, has been written into the law books of the United States through the combined efforts of the Grand Army of the Republic. (Applause.)

Five years ago as the representative of the organization as Chairman

of the Committee on Pensions, when I presented the pension bill to the House Committee and stated what we desired, some member of the Congress remarked: "I have got letters from some comrades that they are opposed to this bill," and another spoke up, "There are some of my constituents in favor of some other bill. Whom do you gentlemen represent?" I said: "Gentlemen, we seven men here represent the National Organization of the Grand Army of the Republic," and I read the resolution that was adopted at San Francisco. "Well," they said, "we know now what the Grand Army wants." "Yes," I said, "I want to emphasize the position of the Grand Army of the Republic. I want you gentlemen to understand that the Grand Army of the Republic never has demanded extravagance in the way the pension legislation. It has never demanded looseness in the consideration thereof. It has never asked but has protested against favoritism in its administration, but the Grand Army of the Republic does declare that this great Nation in the day of its pride, its power, its prosperity and its glory, ought not to be unmindful of the obligation it owes to the boys who wore its uniform and fought its battles in the day of its triumph to this end, that it ought not to permit a single solitary one of them, living, either by reason of misfortune or disease, to look at God's sunlight through the darkened windows of the poorhouse, or lie within the limits of the unconsecrated paupers' field. (Applause.)

And the Congress of the United States has responded and there is now upon the statute books of the Nation a law under which any worthy comrade can have his name inscribed without subjecting himself to personal indignities or personal humiliation. The widows' pension bill is an amendment to the act of 1890, and therefore the limitation as to marriage was involved. The House passed it as an amendment to that act and therefore left the limitation of marriage as heretofore. The House Bill went over to the Senate and the Senate was inclined to bring the limit down to the date of the bill. I discovered that owing to that contest between the Senate and the House it was quite possible that we would not get any bill at all. I had been invited to the Encampment of the Department of Potomac on the 19th of February, and I notified our dear Comrade, Bob Brown, my predecessor, who was Chairman of your Pension Committee, to meet me, and he and Past Commander-in-Chief Burdette and King, members of the Pension Committee, residents of the City of Washington, and we four called upon the Chairman of the House Committee and we found that the House was committed to the retention of the limitation of June 27, 1890. We then went to see the President, and the President, after talking with us, said: "Gentlemen, I have very pronounced views myself in regard to the limit on income"—by the way, that is all stricken out now—"also as to the marriage limitation, but I say frankly to you, Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, you are in a position to know; you gentlemen go ahead and whatever you can get out of Congress I will sign." (Applause.)

We went to see the Chairman of the Senate Committee, and we found that the Senate was inclined, or rather was disposed, to stand for the reduction. We then went to see Joe Cannon, the Speaker of the House, and we finally said to the gentlemen representing both House and Senate: "Under the act as passed by the House, 180,000 widows

will immediately get a dollar a week substantially more than they are getting now; under the Senate amendment 20,000 more widows will be added to the list, but in the name of God do not deprive the 180,000 widows of their dollar a week while you are deciding whether you will let in the other 20,000." (Applause.)

They took us at our word and the House bill was accepted by the Senate and is now upon the law book. The limitation of June 27, 1890, stands, but a bill has been introduced in the Senate to bring it down to the date of the bill and personally I hope that bill will pass. (Applause.)

There was not much involved this year in the Grand Army of the Republic. It is true as we grow older we grow contentious and we are the greatest kickers on earth, but there was not very much to kick about, very little to kick about. We have had comparatively a very pleasant year and we are going to wind up that year with a great encampment at Toledo, Ohio. I take great pleasure in stating to you that the good people of the City of Toledo are doing everything they can to make the Forty-Second Annual Encampment a great success. They appointed a transportation committee, and they have backed me up in every effort that I have made to secure from the railroad companies the old rate of one cent a mile. I am sorry to say, boys, that we have not succeeded in obtaining it. I have been there personally and talked with them and I have written them letters, but the railroad people just now seem to be stiff-necked and rebellious. They have proposed so far to give us one and one-half rate. We hope to reduce that. But if not, even though it should not be reduced, Toledo being situated centrally, as it is in the center of that vast territory from which eighty per cent of the Boys in Blue went out to battle, the comparative cost from the home of the comrade to Toledo is much less than it was to Minneapolis and Denver, and so even though the railroad companies will not do for us that which they ought to do, we still have reason to believe that the Encampment at Toledo will be one large in numbers and supreme in enthusiasm.

Now boys, the Grand Army of the Republic, as long as it exists, has certain things to do and perform. The perpetuity of this government depends upon the virtue and intelligence of its people and the Grand Army of the Republic is the greatest patriotic lot of school teachers on earth, the greatest patriotic organization that ever has been on earth and therefore remembering what you have done, with confidence in ourselves and with hope for the future, let us dress up our lines and as one by one a comrade drops out in answer to the bugle call, let us close up with faith in ourselves and with faith in God, let us march on, our footsteps always keeping time to the music of the Union. (Applause.)

Department Commander: Commander-in-Chief, in response I desire to say for the Department of Michigan, our hearts beat in unison with yours in the Grand Army work and we are proud to have you with us today. In regard to our election of officers and the reference you made to those qualifications, I will guarantee to you, Sir, that we cannot elect a man in Michigan who does not fill the bill.

Department Commander: The committee appointed to escort the Commander-in-Chief will report here and take charge of the Commander.

Commander-in-Chief Burton: I will meet you all at the Campfire. I expect I will have headquarters somewhere and when I get cleaned up, come in and see me, you do not have to give the password. Just come in and I want to shake hands with each one of you. (Applause.)

Comrade Duffield, Post 384: I desire to put a motion which I know every comrade of the Encampment will most gladly vote for. I move. Mr. Commander, that one of these badges containing the medallion of our dear Comrade, General Alger, be presented by this Encampment to his wife, Mrs. Alger, a member of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Department Commander: And added to that that Comrade Duffield be the one to present it.

Seconded and carried.

Department Commander: Anything further to come before the encampment?

Comrade Janes: You honored me last year with being Chairman of the Legislative Committee. I have not a written report to make, not having called that committee together during the year for the reason that there was no occasion to present any legislation to the State of Michigan in behalf of the Grand Army thus far this year, but I will verbally state this: At the last Encampment at Bay City you may recall that I made a report at that time that an amendment to the bill passed by the legislature some years ago had been presented by this committee and up to that time during that session it had not become a law, although having passed the Senate but not acted upon in the House. That was a bill in reference to the employment of ex-soldiers of the Civil War and of the Spanish War in public business, State, municipal and otherwise. We found that the bill that had been enacted several years ago was deficient, as held by the Supreme Court of this State, to cover all exigencies, and we drafted an amendment that required the employment in all municipalities or State departments all men who served in the Civil War and in the Spanish War who were competent for the positions should be appointed and if any attempt to displace any who were in the service, municipal or State or otherwise, they should have a hearing before the Mayor, the Common Council or the Township Board or before the Governor of the State in regard to their incompetency before they shall be discharged. (Applause.)

Furthermore, that a writ of mandamus should be granted a person before they attempt to discharge and any effort on the part of any municipality or State authority to discharge a man without first complying with that law was guilty of fine and imprisonment, if necessary, under the law. (Applause.)

That is upon the statute books of this State. I speak of it because I think it is not generally known and if any of you are employed and any attempt is made to reduce you to one position or another without complying with the act, you should make a protest and resort to the writ of mandamus to compel them, and if found guilty they will be fined and imprisoned. Otherwise, if you are making an application for an appointive position and you are competent to fill the duties of that office and the appointing power refuses to appoint you, you can then go into the courts and compel him to make such appointment, providing that you are fully competent to fill that position. That is the State law in this State. I speak of it because the legislature passed

it after the encampment adjourned. You go to the statute books and take action if any of them are so unloyal, so deficient in appreciation. If they have got to be forced to do it, go into the courts and make them ashamed of their action. (Applause.)

Department Commander: Any further business?

Comrade Van Kleeck: Comrades of the Department, I wish to present a resolution that is of some importance to this Department. It is a personal matter to me and I believe it is a personal matter to two-thirds of the comrades here assembled. In the matter of the consolidation of United States Pension Agencies:

DETROIT, MICH., June 17, 1908.

WHEREAS, In two successive sessions of Congress efforts have been made to consolidate the existing pension agencies into one agency located in Washington, D. C., and

WHEREAS, This proposed abolition of the existing agencies and consolidation of the work into one agency is strongly opposed throughout the entire country by the pensioners and citizens generally on account of the many complications and delays in the payment of the pensions that must inevitably follow such reorganization of the present system of paying pensions, and as the system now in vogue and represented by the eighteen pension agencies distributed equally over the country gives prompt service to the pensioners in their respective territories, with accuracy and quick returns after payment of pensions is due, which is a feature of great importance to the large majority of pensioners, both soldiers and widows, because of living expenses increased, bills contracted and movements planned dependent upon the income derived from the pensions, and any delay and uncertainty as to when the check might arrive would put the average pensioner to inconvenience, and

WHEREAS, The act of Congress passed February 5, 1867, authorizing the establishment of pension agencies recites that they be established "wherever the public interest and the convenience of the pensioners require," and

WHEREAS, No great amount of saving of expense in clerical hire would be had by such consolidation if the payment of pensions, the transaction of the immense amount of correspondence with the pensioners, and the two thousands of vouchers returned for correction of errors are made as speedily as under the present system of the pension agencies;

Resolved, That the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic in Thirtieth Encampment assembled, does respectfully and earnestly protest against the consolidation of the pension agencies into one agency, and respectfully asks that the different pension agencies as now established be retained, because they are more representative of the whole mass of the people, and are so much closer to the body of pensioners with whom they do business.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Department are hereby extended to Senators J. C. Burrows and William Alden Smith, and to the representatives in Congress from this State who used their influence by vote and otherwise to prevent the consolidation of pension agencies, and that a copy of this Preamble and these Resolutions be forwarded by

the Assistant Adjutant General to the President of the United States and to the senators and representatives in congress from Michigan.

It was moved that the Resolution be referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

An amendment was made to adopt the Resolution.

Comrade Van Kleeck: I would be pleased to accept the amendment and let this encampment act upon it at the present time.

Department Commander: The question is on the amendment. Are you ready for the amendment?

Comrade Janes: Just one word in reference to this encampment acting at this time. Many of the comrades I know throughout this State, and in the past year during this agitation of the consolidation of pension agencies I have received scores, yes, hundreds of letters, from asking me to protest against it. Of course, it was rather a diffident question for me to become active, occupying the position of Pension Agent, and I have written back to you to correspond with the Senators and Representatives in Congress from your district and protest against it. This last time it came up I kept quiet because the charge had been made upon the floors of Congress that this opposition to the consolidation of the pension agencies came through the pension agents to hold their jobs and I kept quiet. I did not write to a single Congressman. As I got communications from you I simply suggested that if you felt that way to write to your Congressman. The two Senators did ask me officially to give them certain facts in regard to what the agents knew as to the desirability or undesirability of this consolidation and I gave them those facts. The Senate stood firm against the consolidation. The House voted to abolish indirectly. The question did not come up in the House to abolish the agencies, but to withhold any appropriation for maintaining any agencies but one, and that would compel the abolition of the agencies by the President of the United States. Under the law of 1867, passed by Congress, the establishment of pension agencies throughout the country was left entirely in the hands of the President of the United States, limiting him to only three in any State or Territory, or where the annual distribution did not amount to \$500,000 a year for pensions. Now that law is on the statute books. The President appoints the agents and it follows that he has the same right to dis-establish the agencies whenever he deems best to do so, and as the President did not act in the matter, Congress sought to withhold the appropriations for these agencies and that would compel him to act. At this last session the Senate stood strongly against it and for over two weeks the question was in the conference committee battling back and forth until nearly adjournment and the House finally yielded and restored the appropriation for the agencies as they now exist. But I have seen extracts from letters written by members of Congress who were active in the abolishment of the agencies wherein they say that if the Secretary of the Interior, who is in favor of it and the Commissioner of Pensions, who is urging it, (that if they) still remain the same mind and the President remains in the same mind, he will exercise his authority under that law and issue an order consolidating all pension agencies into one in the City of Washington. Now the object of the resolutions which are being

passed by the various encampments since the adjournment of Congress, is to let the President of the United States know what the Grand Army's views are upon that question so that he will not run against the views of the pensioners of the Grand Army of the Republic without giving due consideration. If you remain silent, he will take it for granted that you are satisfied for consolidation. Knowing the sentiment in the communities where you live among the pensioners, and I have had letters not only from pensioners, but from people out in the State. It is for you to say whether you will enter your protest to the President and to Congress when it assembles, whether you want it done or do not. New York has passed similar resolutions. Pennsylvania and other Departments also, and if any action is taken prior to the National Encampment, it is proposed to have the National Encampment speak upon that question. I am speaking to you as a pensioner. I know something of what the delays will be and as a pensioner I do not want to be removed thousands of miles from where I can get my check and from what I have heard from you boys, I don't think you want to. So it is up to you to say whether you will adopt or reject this.

Department Commander: The motion is on the adoption of the resolution.

Resolutions adopted unanimously by rising vote.

Comrade Bellaire: I move that we take a recess until 8:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Seconded and carried.

Encampment took a recess until 8:30 o'clock a. m., June 18, 1908.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

June 18, 1908, 8:30 o'clock a. m.

Encampment called to order by the Department Commander.

Department Commander: Comrade White will invoke the divine blessing.

Comrade White: Almighty God, we are assembled in Thy presence this morning to engage in the important duties pertaining to our offices. We pray that Thou wilt receive our homage for all the mercies that we have received. Thou hast given us beautiful weather for which we thank Thee and we pray that the blessing of God may rest upon this Encampment. We pray Thee to bless us in the election in which we are about to enter and may the blessings of God rest upon all our work. Bless our country and be with the great convention convened for the nomination of a man that shall stand in the place of a great man that Thou hast raised up for the people. Let Thy blessings rest upon these men and bless us this day, we reverently ask Thee, in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Department Commander: Are there any other committees to report?

Comrade Mears, Post 235: The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Department Chaplain are ready to make their report.

Department Commander: We will hear the report.

To the Commander, Officers and Members of the Department of Michigan, G. A. R.

Your Committee to whom the report of the Department Chaplain was referred would respectfully recommend the adoption of said report and further recommend that the thanks of this Department be tendered to our beloved Chaplain for his untiring and earnest labors for the up-building of the moral, social and christian influence of this Department, and that we style and name him the "Grandest of all the Grand Old Men of this Department."

W. J. MEARS,
DARWIN WARREN,
FRED SCHNEIDER,
Committee.

Comrade Mears, Post 235: I move the adoption of the report.
Seconded and carried.

Department Commander: Are there any other committees to report? If there are none, what is your pleasure, comrades? If any of you have any business on your minds speak up as we have but a few moments before the special order of business comes. Has any comrade anything to offer?

Comrade Pond, Post 2: The Committee to whom was referred the Address of the Department Commander is ready to report.

Department Commander: The Junior Vice Commander, Comrade Spaulding, will please take the chair.

Comrade Spaulding: Give us your attention and listen to the report of the Committee on the address of the Commander.

Comrade Pond: Comrades of the Thirtieth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic:

Your Committee to whom was referred the address of the Department Commander, submit the following report:

For the faithful and zealous devotion of our Commander to every interest of our Order, the comrades of this Department cannot be too responsive in gratitude, and his appeal for a continued "touch of elbow" until the call of "lights out" shall overtake us, is, in these the sunset hours of our lives, worthy of earnest attention by every comrade.

In the subjects of the address, relating to Outposts, Inspection of Posts, Observance of Memorial Day, Patriotic Instruction, The Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., and Sons of Veterans, your Committee believe that the words of the Commander should command the attention of every comrade.

The recommendation designating the fife and drum corps as the official music by this Department, to lead in our parades at annual State and National encampments, we heartily endorse. Surely the part taken by such music on the right of this Department in the parade here in Detroit, made evident the popularity of the same with the public as well as with our marching comrades.

That portion of the address relating to the management of the Soldiers' Home, receives our most sincere approval. The six comrades who compose the Board of Managers of the Home, we all know to not only have been brave and valiant soldiers of the Union Army, in 1861-65, but to have been true and honored members of this Department for years past, and to hold positions in the esteem of their fellow citizens in their respective home cities, that enables each of us to believe that nothing but a positive devotion to the best interests of the Home and its inmates actuates each in his work as a member of the Board of Management. No political influences affect the management of the Soldiers' Home in Michigan. Each veteran inmate acts upon his own ideas of political preferment, with no restraint whatever because of his political views, and any effort upon the part of aspirants for political honors to create a distrust of the veterans' friends, (The Board of Managers), is to be sincerely deplored.

The Commander's reference to the action of Congress by the recent increase of Widows pensions from eight to twelve dollars per month, but failing to provide for a widow who had married since 1890, is most opportune, and in the judgment of your committee should induce an effort upon the part of all comrades, in requesting their respective Congressmen to correct the law at its next session, so that the widows of all veterans may receive pensions at the rate of twelve dollars per month.

The Commander's reference to "Legislation in Michigan" in which he recommends that the Committee on Legislation to be appointed by his successor, should draft a bill, calling for the granting of a State pension to soldiers who served in Michigan regiments, of similar form to bills presented to the legislatures of New York and Pennsylvania, can, we believe, be most properly left to the in-coming administration, as embodying a proposition that should receive careful consideration, as it is without a doubt, the fact, that from one-third to one-half of the living veterans of the Civil War now residing in Michigan, served in other State's regiments, and also a fact that they would be pleased to see their Michigan comrades receive pension recognition from the State. possibly, the question might arise as to the proper recognition of the adopted veterans who have had much to do in advancing Michigan to the present status in the Union of States.

Your Committee recommend that the usual testimonial of a Past Department Commander's Badge be purchased and presented to our retiring Commander, and that the Assistant Adjutant General be authorized to expend the sum of thirty-five dollars for the same.

Submitted in F. C. and L.,

C. V. R. POND,
FRANK R. CHASE,
M. D. RICHARDSON.

Committee.

Comrade Pond: I move the adoption of the report.

Seconded and carried.

Department Commander: Just at this moment I desire most heartily to thank the committee and the Encampment entirely. I have felt

very much interested in some of those matters and I most heartily thank all of you comrades.

Department Commander: What is your further pleasure? Are there any other committees to report?

Assistant Adjutant General: I find on my desk here this morning a communication. It was not handed to me with any explanation. I have simply found it on the table. My only object in reading this is to show you how little some of the officers or members understand the rules and regulations and therefore the necessity of providing yourselves with a copy and read it and post yourselves. The communication is this:

DETROIT, June 18, 1908.

"The G. A. R. of Lakeview, Michigan, asks to have Augustus Wilcox re-instated as Past Commander of Andrew MacComber Post 141."—Lakeview G. A. R.

Department Commander: Time for special order. What is your pleasure, comrades?

It was moved that nomination speeches be limited to five minutes.

Seconded and carried.

Comrade Griffin, Post 38: I have a short communication here from a comrade whose name has been presented at the two prior encampments of this State. You all know the cause of his declining the nomination other years. He has always worked for harmony. At the present time there is another different cause altogether. By the advice of the physicians, on account of the serious illness of his wife, they forbade him at the last moment to come and be present with you today or at this encampment. For that reason he has sent the following communication:

"To the Comrades of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic:

At the last moment before the Annual Meeting of the Department, I find that it is impossible for me to attend because of dangerous sickness in my family. I therefore withdraw from the canvass for Department Commander and take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the many comrades who have so generously supported my candidacy.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

WILLIAM G. GAGE."

Department Commander: What will you do with the communication, comrades?

Comrade Foote, Post 38: I move that a telegram be sent by this Encampment to Comrade Gage, expressing our deepest sympathy with him in the serious illness of his wife.

Seconded and carried.

Department Commander: In addition to that, it is my order that this be placed on file in the office of the Department.

Comrade Wilcox, Post 6: I move you that three tellers be appointed for the canvass of the vote.

Seconded and carried.

Department Commander: I will appoint as tellers, Comrade William Cook, Comrade Fred J. Buck and Comrade Milnes.

Department Commander: Nominating speeches are in order.

Comrade Spaulding, Post 76: In the autumn of 1861, there were two men enlisted in the Engineers, father and son. They served their three years, at least one of them did, the other laid his life upon the altar of his country and died. He was the father of Burton Parker and Burton Parker came back to Petersburg. He came back to Petersburg in 1865, gathered up the fragments of the business that his father had left, and married the girl to whom he was betrothed when sixteen years of age. He went on with the saw-mill business and became head sawyer and somebody advised him that he had the elements of a lawyer and advised him to go to Ann Arbor. Always a good man, always true as a boy, many of his friends offered to put up the money, and he went to Ann Arbor and graduated high in the law. He came down to Monroe and hung out his shingle and has done business ever since. He has raised three strong stalwart boys like himself. He is a gentleman of honor. He has occupied every position Monroe county could give him. He has been Mayor of the city twice. He has been in our legislature. He helped to nominate that grand old man who lives out here a few miles, Thomas Palmer. He was the one who led the phalanx making him Senator of the United States. (Applause.) No act could have given more credit to Monroe, nor to Michigan, than the election of that grand old man who is out there writing a history of Michigan.

I present his name to you for your Commander. He served as a private soldier all the way through. He did his duty in every case. He is competent to be your Commander as is my friend Jibb now, and he will give you good service, and I propose, without any reflection on any other candidate, that we give him our vote so far as we can. (Applause.)

Comrade Cole, Post 360: I represent a Post that is purely agricultural. I come in here in behalf of Post 360, to second the nomination of Burton Parker. We have known him for years and years and know that he is all right and will make us a good Commander.

Comrade Farr, Post 75: Commander and Comrades: Under the order and direction of my Post at Grand Haven, Michigan, at the extreme western limit of the State, I rise to second the nomination of Comrade Parker. (Applause.) But it is more, comrades, than the command of my Post that actuates me here today. Forty years of comradeship has given it the pleasure of a personal regard. I do not claim for Comrade Parker any more merit than that of each and every comrade upon this floor, but I claim that he is equal to the best. (Applause.) Like you, he went out a boy, a beardless boy, and became a soldier of the Republic. Like you he did his duty there during those heroic years and like you he returned with character stainless from contact with camp and field, to his duty as a citizen, the high duties of citizenship, and he has performed them each and every one. As

a citizen his record has been spotless; as a husband, for many years he has led the steps of an invalid wife through flowery paths as our beloved McKinley did. (Applause.) He educated his boys to places of honor and usefulness and taught them always fidelity to the Republic. Comrade Parker was always a faithful soldier, a noble citizen, an affectionate husband, a loving parent, a loyal friend, and no man hath more than this, and for these things I ask your suffrages for him at this assembly. (Applause.)

Comrade Devlin: On behalf of the First District of Detroit, I rise to second the nomination of Burton Parker. (Applause.) The entire delegation this morning so far as represented unanimously agreed to support this nominee and I say to you, gentlemen, you comrades here, that there are none of us in the State of Michigan, who have ever taken any part in the deliberations who are not aware of the fact that Comrade Parker has been one of our ablest and most stalwart comrades and we ask on behalf of the First District that you support him for this nomination. (Applause.)

Comrade McGraw: I know Comrade Parker. I know him to be a good man. I am a delegate here from the First District. I am going to support another candidate, however, and no delegate from the First District has any right to stand up on this floor and say the First District supports Comrade Parker.

Comrade Devlin: I expressed the sentiment of the caucus that convened on the floor here this morning. By unanimous vote they instructed me to present this case just as I have.

Comrade McGraw: I wish to say that I was not invited to any caucus and that I was not there.

Comrade Wilcox, Post 419: I second the nomination of Burton Parker.

Comrade White, Post 79: I listened to the eloquent remarks of my friend Spaulding when he nominated Burt Parker. I think Comrade Spaulding told the truth, yes I do. I know Burt Parker. I had the honor of serving two terms in the legislature with him and I know him. He is a good fellow. But boys, there are others. I rise to make the nomination of another man from the western part of the State. I do this with great pleasure because the western part of this State has had no Commander for twelve or fifteen years. If locality counts for anything, and it does in this as in political conventions, we are entitled to consideration. You will remember, boys, the story that our Commander-in-Chief told us yesterday about the nominating speech to which he listened the day before. The Comrade in making a nomination said: "My candidate is as good as the best and a damned sight better than the rest." (Laughter.) Now Commander, that reminds me of a little story. There was a man with whom I was acquainted who was always in a hurry. He would take a run and a double-quick on everything he did and he accomplished a great deal by being in a hurry. He was in so much of a hurry that when he went to bed he hardly had time to say his prayers. He would kneel down by the bedside and say about five words of his prayer, jump into bed and in five minutes he was in dreamland. So to save time he wrote out a nice little prayer and posted it on the wall and when he got ready to go to bed he would say, "Lord, them's my sentiments." (Laughter.)

What the Comrade in Wisconsin said I say in regard to Comrade Foote of Kalamazoo. (Applause.) He is as good as the best and quite a bit better than the rest of us. (Applause.) You can make no mistake in electing Comrade Foote. He has missed but two encampments, State and National, in twenty years. (Applause.) You always see the genial face and smile of Comrade Foote in every convention, in every encampment, ready to perform any of the duties that may devolve upon him. He is a Grand Army man from the crown of his head to the sole of his feet. (Applause.) He has the ability; he has the time to devote to the position of Department Commander. While I have nothing to say against this other man, Comrade Foote has the time and the ability to look after the interests of the Department of Michigan. (Applause.) Now boys, when you come to vote, let me give you a bit of advice; being disinterested, of course, you know it is all right. Look on the list, take the name of Foote and put it in the box and it will be all over in five minutes. When you go home and report to your constituents, "We have elected that genial man from Kalamazoo, C. E. Foote," they will say to you, "Well done, good and faithful servants. We will send you next time." Vote for Foote. (Applause.)

Comrade Clute, Post 166: I rise for the purpose of seconding the nomination of Comrade Foote. We know Comrade Foote and we love him. We love him not only on account of his character as a comrade but for the work he has done for the Grand Army of the Republic. He served in the legislature and I knew him there. We think that Comrade Foote in his position stands a far better chance on this educational business that is about to come up here. We want a man familiar with everything, familiar with the pension business. More than almost any other comrade, I believe with him as our Department Commander we will be glad that we elected him. (Applause.)

Comrade Barker, Post 451: I rise to second the nomination of Comrade Foote. I live in a county in the northern part of Michigan. Not saying a single, solitary thing against Comrade Burt Parker, because he is one of the grandest men that ever went down the pike. I have been with Burt Parker all along the line. He is all right, but he is a little too late at this time getting in line. We will put in Comrade Foote and another year we will get Burt in. That is where I stand and there are a whole lot of fellows up north standing on the same line.

Comrade Lawrence, Post 318: Commander and Comrades, I listened last evening to the speeches of different men in our Campfire and it brought back to me this same old proposition that we had in the sixties, obey orders. I belong to a Post at Northville and some of the comrades that are here this morning and delegates have requested, some have demanded, that I second the nomination of Comrade Foote. (Applause.) I know both of these comrades, I know Comrade Parker, known him for years, a personal friend of mine. But comrades, when my Post or Delegates ask me to voice their sentiments, I feel it is my duty as a comrade to do so. The difference between Comrade Parker and Comrade Foote, in the minds of our delegation is this, and I believe it is a just one; this is a position that any man might envy. It is a position that means an honor to him and his family. Comrade Foote is not

like myself and Comrade Parker. He is getting to be an old Comrade. Give it to the old boys whose age is tipping on toward the sunset and let such men as Comrade Parker and myself, who are boys, wait fifteen or twenty years longer and then we will have a chance. (Applause.) For that reason, my delegation asked me to second the nomination of Comrade Foote. (Applause.)

Department Commander: You will all notice that he got a long way from Comrade Foote before saying what he has.

Comrade Willson, Post 48: Ever since the formation of the Department of Michigan we have as a general thing been extremely well favored in our selection of Department Commander. Do not make any mistake now. I have great pleasure and consider it my duty to support the nomination of Comrade Foote, of Kalamazoo. He is capable, honest, thorough and well qualified for the office. A man's qualification for the office of Department Commander should be judged more or less from the way that he supports his own Post. Charlie Foote never missed a Post meeting unless by sickness or absence from home. I support the nomination of C. E. Foote. (Applause.)

Comrade Cook, Post 111: I rise to support the nomination of Comrade Foote in behalf of Wilcox Post 111. We will make no mistake in voting for Comrade Foote.

Comrade Mallery, Post 382: I have known Comrade Foote for the last twenty-five years, twenty years at least, in Grand Army work. I have met him at every National and at every Department Encampment that I have attended and the most of you know that I am here, first, last and all the time. Comrade Foote has been one of the old, staunch wheel-horses of the Grand Army ever since I have known him. I have known him almost as well as though I had wheeled the dirt that made him, and while I have all the respect in the world for Comrade Burt Parker, yet I pledge myself today to cast my vote and the votes of the delegates of my district to Comrade Foote. (Applause.)

Department Commander: A delegation of Ladies from the Woman's Relief Corps are waiting at the door and I know you will all give way to them. I will appoint Comrades Pond, Anthony and Milnes to escort the ladies to the platform.

Comrade Pond: We have a great deal of pleasure in presenting to you the representatives of the Women's Relief Corps.

Department Commander: Ladies of the Relief Corps, I could not imagine any greater pleasure than to greet you this morning. The boys—these are all boys, you know—they all greet you and are very glad to meet you and hope that the Ladies of the Relief Corps will continue in existence to the end of time.

Department Commander: Comrades, I introduce to you Mrs. Babbitt. Salute.

Mrs. Babbitt: Members of the Grand Army, I have the pleasure of introducing Mrs. Flagg, who will address you.

Mrs. Flagg: Department Commander and Comrades: When our Department President delegated me to say a few words to you and bring the greetings from her and from the Relief Corps of Michigan, eight thousand and over strong, I said: "What can be said after that lovely campfire last night, after those greetings there it seems to me

no words can be added to them." It is a gratification to come to look into your faces and be privileged to say just a few words and pledge to you the loyalty and support so long as there is a Relief Corps the same as we have tried to give you in the past. We feel proud of this present administration and what our Department President and her co-workers have accomplished. I do not know that anyone can appreciate it better than those around her. She has tried to do her duty. In bringing these greetings we say we pledge the heartiest support. I will not take further time. We know your business is pressing you. We will take pleasure in pinning on the Department Commander and his Adjutant the badge of the Women's Relief Corps. (Applause.)

(Badges were pinned on the Department Commander, Assistant Adjutant General and Quartermaster General.)

Department Commander: I desire to say to you now, Ladies, that in behalf of the Grand Army and its officers, myself, we certainly appreciate your loyalty and your work in the past year. We are in a position to know what it is and we do appreciate it with all our hearts and in behalf of this body we thank you. (Applause.)

Mrs. Babbitt: Boys of the Grand Army, it gives me pleasure to introduce the director of C. E. Foote. (Applause.)

Department Commander: Mrs. Foote wishes to be excused from making you an hour and a half address, so you will excuse her, if you please.

Department Commander: Comrades, I introduce to you Mrs. Bliss, the wife of our Past Department Commander Bliss, who has answered to the last roll call.

Mrs. Bliss: Comrades of the Grand Army, I think you must all know me pretty well by this time for I am asked to come before you every year and I am glad to come and look into your faces and I think you are glad to see me because you know I will not talk to you very long. I will not detain you. I haven't the strength today to say half that is in my heart. I wish you Godspeed and you can always remember that I am trying to do as my husband would have done had he remained your comrade on earth. I believe if he were permitted to see this morning this body of men, it would be a happy time for him. (Applause.)

Mrs. Babbitt: I just want to say that Mrs. Bliss should be made a life member of this committee. She has given this solid silver loving cup to you. (Applause.) I take pleasure in introducing our Past Department President, Mrs. Gray.

Mrs. Gray: Comrade Jibb, it has been my pleasure to be detailed to bring to you the sweetness of the Women's Relief Corps. Mrs. Creusere has delegated me to bring you these flowers. We have our hall filled and I know Mrs. Creusere would have been glad to have sent some over before.

Department Commander: They are beautiful and sweet, but those flowers are not the sweetest part of the Women's Relief Corps. (Applause.) The sweetest part is the ladies. Flowers are beautiful and sweet. We all agree to that. Nothing so beautiful, nothing so sweet, nothing so lovely as the ladies, however. I thank you. (Applause.)

Mrs. Babbitt: Just to tell you of one woman's work in Michigan.

Are there any members of the Eighth Regiment, Michigan Infantry, present?

(Eight members arose.)

Mrs. Babbitt: (Continuing.) In Grand Rapids they have a Post named the A. B. Watson Post and I want you to know the loving work that Mrs. Watson, the wife of Major A. B. Watson, of the Eighth Michigan Infantry, is doing for the old soldiers. I wish you might see the love in her eye as she presents the beautiful gifts which she gives to that Post. She has suited one hundred men in that Post at quite an expense. She has given \$2,500. She has presented \$500 worth of flags and I could not tell you of the many other things that she has done for our old soldiers. Some say, "Yes, she is wealthy and can do it," but all wealthy people do not do what they might. She is to be commended for this work. They say that she does it for the Watson Post only. That is not true. She has helped in other places besides giving \$200 for the silver offering this year. (Applause.) I am glad to meet the members of the Eighth. I will now read the report of the Women's Auxiliary:

DETROIT, June 17, 1908.

William Jibb, Commander Department of Michigan, G. A. R.:

Dear Sir: I have the honor to extend to you and through you to the 30th Annual Department Encampment of the G. A. R., the loyal greetings of your Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps in 25th Annual Convention assembled, and to submit to you the following reports of the condition of our order:

Number of corps in Department	220
Number of members	8,584
Cash expended in relief by corps	\$1,739 74
Estimated value of relief other than money	4,786 64

Total	\$6,526 38
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Cash expended from Department Relief Fund	\$100 00
Number of soldiers and families assisted	1,698
Cash in General Fund	\$855 02
Cash in Relief fund	83 37

On this, our 25th Anniversary, we also present to you the amount expended since the organization of the Department:

Cash expended 1884-1908	\$47,317 93
Relief other than money	71,262 00
Cash expended from Department fund.....	1,559 23

Total	\$120,129 16
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This, Commander, is the record of your Auxiliary and in our past work lies the promise of the future. It has not been for honor, gain or

self applause, but for the glory of the cause, we are doing what shall not be forgotten.

And to you our brave Grand Army
Who so proudly wore the Blue,
Who in days of storm and battle
To the right were ever true,
We now to God, to you and country
Our solemn pledge renew.

Loyally yours,

EVELYN CREUSERE.

Department President.

Department Commander: It seems to me that I am not competent to frame words strong enough to thank you for this elegant work which you have done since your organization and I desire again to thank you for the most splendid work which you have done for the old boys and their families.

(The Encampment Badges were pinned on the ladies, after which they retired.)

Comrade Van Raalte: Department Commander and Comrades: After hearing the eulogies and all these grand things that are presented before us today for the Commandership of the Department, I cannot help but feel pleased and feel that you as a body, as men of the Grand Army must feel proud that you have such men in the Grand Army of the Republic and that they are chiefly composed of such men. (Applause.) But Comrades, in choosing a commander there are certain things that should be considered. We need for a Commander a man that closely affiliates with the Grand Army of the Republic. A man that is in deep sympathy with our wants and that knows what we want; and the reason I say this, comrades, is, that a great many of our comrades today are not what they were twenty years ago mentally, physically or financially. A great many of them say they do not care whether they belong to the Grand Army or not and have various excuses that are really too foolish to consider, but if you do not consider them it means the banishing of the Post. Now you want a Commander who understands their wants, that can give them some fatherly talk and will give the time to go and visit them. That question is becoming more and more important to you every year to see to it that you elect that kind of Commander that will do that or else a great many of the Posts will be abandoned. I wish to second the nomination of Comrade Foote. (Applause.)

Comrade Mears, Post 235: Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic: There are many men who would love to fill the position. In fact, I have had aspirations myself but when Comrade Foote wrote me that he was in the field I thought that his hair is whiter than mine and that it was becoming in me to support Comrade Foote. You will make no mistake. You will not only have the foot but you will have the hand that will be stretched out to meet you. You will have the head to guide this Department in a safe and glorious way. It gives

me pleasure to come four hundred miles to support the nomination of Comrade Foote. Comrade Burton Parker is a grand man but he can wait until later. I support the nomination of Comrade Foote. (Applause.)

Comrade Van Kleeck: I want to support the nomination of Comrade Parker. I knew him as a soldier and I want to say that our people from the north support Burt Parker. (Applause.)

Comrade Kidd: If I am in order, I want to say one word for my old friend, Burton Parker. I want to say that these comrades are both good comrades. One will be elected this year and the other the next, as they ought to be. The question has been raised here about sectionalism. Both these comrades represent not only western Michigan or eastern Michigan, but the State of Michigan. I have a warm place in my heart for the city of Monroe. They didn't raise the question of sectionalism when that city sent George A. Custer out to fight. They didn't raise the question of sectionalism when they sent Tom Custer to help his brother in the war, nor when George Spaulding was sent out to fight for the Michigan Regiment, or did they raise that question when Judge Christiancy was elected term after term to the Supreme Court of this State. It has been remarked here that we must make no mistake. I deny that we can make any mistake in electing either of these comrades.

It was moved and supported that the encampment proceed to ballot. Carried.

Ballot was then taken.

Department Commander: While the tellers are counting the ballots we will listen to reports, if there are any.

Comrade Duffield: The Committee on Resolutions are ready to report.

To the 30th Annual Encampment, Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic:

Your Committee on Resolutions submit the following report:

Resolved, That the heartfelt thanks of this encampment are herewith expressed to the Woman's Relief Corps of the Department of Michigan, for their munificent donation on their silver anniversary to the funds of the Department of Michigan, G. A. R., of the sum of eight hundred sixty-nine (\$869) dollars.

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this encampment are herewith expressed to Mrs. Allaseba M. Bliss, for the beautiful sterling silver loving cup presented by her to the Department of Michigan, G. A. R. and Woman's Relief Corps.

Comrade Duffield: The following resolution was adopted verbatim from the report of the Post at Lansing, which procured within eight months sixty-four recruits to that Post.

WHEREAS, Every Department Commander has, for a number of years, in General Orders and public addresses urged upon all the Posts to make special efforts to increase their membership and thus increase or at least maintain the membership of the Grand Army of the Republic in this Department.

Therefore, Resolved, That to aid and facilitate this very necessary

work, the accompanying six reasons why all comrades not in the G. A. R. should join it, be, and hereby are adopted by this Department to be printed in the Journal of the encampment and sent to every Post in this Department to be used by them to induce old soldiers to join the Posts.

Every honorably discharged old soldier should join the Grand Army of the Republic for the following good and sufficient reasons:

1. It is his duty to aid his former comrades in the great work in which the Order is engaged. This work is wholly for the good of all old soldiers and their families, socially, morally and pecuniarily, especially in sickness, death and burial.

2. In this way it shows to every one the proud fact that he was a soldier, did his duty honorably and means to stand through life by them who stood by him in the terrible days of struggle, danger and suffering.

3. He should do it for the sake of his own history and memory. These are maintained and kept alive by the Grand Army of the Republic in a way not done by any other person or means. The military record of the service is kept by the Post for the living and the dead. Every year their graves are visited and decorated. If a soldier dies too poor to own a burial place, the Grand Army provides one, and prevents his body being buried in the Potter's field. If poor and sick, they see him provided for and kept out of the poor house.

4. Every old soldier drawing a pension is largely indebted to the Grand Army for its constant efforts and success in having pensions given and increased to the disabled, wounded and aged comrade; especially the recent service and age-limit pension law.

5. The Grand Army of the Republic is such a grand and honorable an organization as to be respected and honored by our entire country and people for its high character, noble spirit, pure patriotism and charity. To be a worthy member of it is a badge of honor. The right to join is a privilege for which many men would give a large sum. To this right the old soldier became entitled only by laying his life, his all on the altar of his country and by many years of hard service, suffering and wounds.

6. Our old comrades should be members of the Grand Army of the Republic as a duty to their children and friends as well as to themselves. A comrade who dies outside of it robs his children and his children's children of an honor and record and satisfaction they will always regret, and on each successive year they will regret it more and more as time passes and adds to the esteemed and historical greatness and fragrance it will continue to attain.

To do its mightiest and best it needs every true and honorable veteran within its ranks and every one of them needs to be there for the reasons here given. No one should stand aloof now any more than he did in 1861-65. to rally around the flag, keep step with his comrades and march along to victory.

Comrade Duffield: The following resolution was submitted by the Committee on Legislation:

WHEREAS, The Legislative Committee originally appointed by this Department, to promote the enactment of a soldier's record law, of all

Michigan soldiers and sailors of the Civil War of 1861, to 1865, consisting of Comrades Charles E. Foote of Kalamazoo, Frederick Schneider of Lansing, and Alfred Milnes of Coldwater, have this day by memorial reported to this Department, the failure of the Adjutant General's Department of Michigan to fully carry out the provisions of the soldier's record law, being Act 147, Public Acts of 1903, by failing to publish a general index of all individual records, intended for library sets for the convenient reference of the public, and the charging out of the unexpended balance of the appropriation for that purpose, thereby placing the funds where they are unavailable for the purpose intended, to make the edition accessible to the public generally in the School and public libraries; and such other persons who are or may hereafter be entitled thereto, therefore be it

Resolved, By this Department in annual encampment assembled, that we fully endorse and approve of the action of said Committee, and recommend the appointment of a Committee to continue the work and procure a reappropriation for the publication of a general index as originally contemplated by the soldier's record law and the shipment and distribution of the remaining volumes of the soldier's record to the public school libraries of this State.

Comrade Duffield: Just one word about this last resolution. I shall be brief. The legislature appropriated a sum to cover the cost of an index of the record of every soldier in Michigan. Comrade Turner in part prepared for an index to be incorporated when he was called to other duties and it was not completed. Now you all know at once the advantage of an index so that it will be alphabetical. If you want to find John Smith you look in the index, say Company A, Ninth Michigan, or thus and so. As it is now you would have to search through the entire number of volumes—thirty odd volumes—with thousands of names perhaps in a volume to find that person. To many old soldiers and to the widows of many old soldiers that practically cuts them off from the benefit of the publication. This money was once voted for that purpose then it was carried back into the treasury. This is so that this committee or such other as the Commander may see fit to appoint shall continue that work and we shall have an index that will enable the soldiers and their friends to find where they are in the infantry.

Resolved, That the thanks of this encampment are hereby given to the Mayor, Committees, Aldermen and citizens of the city of Detroit for their generous and hospitable entertainment of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic on this occasion, and in this connection especial thanks to Milton Carmichael, Secretary of the General Committee, whose assiduous and devoted attention to the many details of the business have greatly contributed to make the gathering the complete success which it has been.

HENRY M. DUFFIELD,
E. C. CANNON,
A. DUNHAM,
GEO. L. HOLMES,
L. G. WILLCOX,

Committee.

Comrade Duffield: I move the adoption of the resolutions.

Seconded and carried.

Department Commander: We will now listen to the report of the tellers.

Comrade Cook: Total vote cast for Department Commander was 441, of which Wm. Glover Gage receives 2, Comrade Burton Parker 165, and Comrade Charles E. Foote, 274.

Comrade Parker: I move you that the election of Comrade Foote be made unanimous by a rising vote of this encampment.

Department Commander: Comrade Foote having received the unanimous vote of this encampment, I declare him elected your Commander for the ensuing year. We will now proceed to vote for candidates for Senior Vice Commander.

Comrade Janes: Twenty-five years ago you assembled here. You know how well you have been received in the city of Detroit, how well, comrades, the citizens have done to take care of you, and by unanimous vote of all the Posts in the city of Detroit, Wayne county, I am instructed to present for Senior Vice Commander a comrade who served in the Michigan First Cavalry, belonged to the famous Custer Brigade, a brave soldier, one who has worked hard to make this encampment a success, I present to you the name of George L. Holmes, of Post 17. If there are no other candidates, I would move you that the Adjutant General be instructed to cast the unanimous vote for Comrade George L. Holmes as Senior Vice Commander of this Department.

Seconded and carried.

The Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of the encampment for George L. Holmes for Senior Vice Department Commander.

Department Commander: By unanimous vote of the convention, I declare George L. Holmes elected Senior Vice Commander for the ensuing year.

Department Commander: Nominations are now in order for Junior Vice Commander.

Comrade Spaulding: I rise to nominate a candidate from the southwest part of the State, Berrien county. In doing so I speak of Comrade J. J. Drake, a member of Post 21, St. Joseph, who has been an active worker and a charter member of that Post ever since its organization. That Post is a good Post and works for the interest of the Grand Army in the State. I present the name of J. J. Drake, of Post 21, St. Joseph, Mich., for Junior Vice Commander.

Department Commander: Are there any other nominations for Junior Vice Commander?

There being no other nominations it was moved and supported that the rules be suspended and that the Adjutant General be instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the encampment for J. J. Drake, Post 21, for Junior Vice Commander for the ensuing year.

Carried.

Department Commander: Following instructions, the Assistant Adjutant General has cast the vote of this encampment for J. J. Drake, of Post 21, for Junior Vice Commander. I declare J. J. Drake elected as your Junior Vice Commander for the ensuing year.

Department Commander: The next nomination in order will be for Medical Director. Are there any nominations?

Comrade Payne, Post 2: I take very much pleasure in re-introducing to you a name most familiar. He is always seen at the encampments and is always with us, Comrade W. W. Root.

Comrade Richardson, Post 365: I understand that Comrade Root is not a candidate for re-election and is willing to give way for another candidate and I wish to present the name of John C. Salmon, Post 252. He is from Howard City.

Comrade Ives, Post 441: I am authorized to say if there is any other candidate for the position of Medical Director, Dr. Root is not a candidate and will therefore withdraw his name. He has had it for a number of years.

Department Commander: Comrade Root withdraws his name and is not a candidate.

Comrade Richardson: I move that the vote of this encampment be cast for John C. Salmon, of Post 252, Howard City.

Department Commander: It is moved and supported that the rules be suspended and that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to cast the vote of this encampment for John C. Salmon, for Medical Director, for the ensuing year.

Carried.

Department Commander: John C. Salmon having received the unanimous vote of this encampment, I declare him elected your Medical Director for the ensuing year.

Department Commander: The next nomination in order will be for Department Chaplain:

Comrade Cook, Post 42: For the sixth or seventh time, I desire to present William Putnam for the office of Department Chaplain. For all the previous years you have listened to his reports and you have endorsed him enthusiastically. We ask you to do it again. He is our man. He is the grand old man of Lansing. He is the grand old man of our Post and I tell you that you can make no mistake if you elect him again as your Chaplain.

It was moved and supported that the rules be suspended and the Adjutant General be directed to cast the unanimous vote of the encampment for William Putnam for Department Chaplain for the ensuing year.

Carried.

The Assistant Adjutant General then cast the vote of the encampment for William Putnam, Post 42, for Department Chaplain.

Department Commander: I declare William Putnam elected Chaplain for the ensuing year.

Department Commander: The next in order will be the election of Delegate at Large and an Alternate.

Comrade Seymour, Post 384: Commander, in behalf of the delegation from the First District, in behalf of the comrades of Wayne county, in behalf of our citizens of the city of Detroit, and I believe voicing the sentiment of Detroit Post 384, I beg you, sir, to put in the name of Samuel W. Burroughs, Post 384, for Delegate at Large. Comrade Burroughs is well known in the county of Wayne. He was born in this county. He received his education at the schools in Ypsilanti, going from the Nor-

mal at the age of fifteen or sixteen years in the army, in the Seventh Calvary where he served for about five months; released from that position on account of his size and age, re-inlisted and going with Sherman to the sea in the Fifteenth Infantry with which very many of our comrades are familiar. Comrade Burroughs stands also very high professionally and is in every way a first-class Grand Army man. He has been invited on several occasions, sir, to give Memorial Day addresses, of which he is most capable of doing, as those who have heard him will testify. He has had this distinctive honor in Toledo and he is very desirous, as are his comrades of Detroit Post, of going to Toledo and showing that he is fully competent to represent the District and Department of Michigan as a delegate in the convention. I move you, sir, that this convention endorse Comrade Burroughs unanimously for this position.

Comrade Van Raalte: I ask that this encampment show due respect to their newly elected Commander and I make a motion that the Commander appoint a committee to escort Comrades Parker and Foote to the rostrum.

Department Commander: I think we will proceed with the election. You are out of order.

Comrade Van Raalte: I ask for the suspension of the rules. I think it is no more than proper to show this respect and honor to our incoming Commander.

Department Commander: We will proceed with the election. Any further nominations for Delegate at Large.

Comrade Duffield: I am going to borrow just one sentence from our eloquent Commander-in-Chief in supporting the motion to elect Comrade Burroughs. He is pretty near as good as the best of us and he is a darned sight better than the rest of us.

Comrade Janes: Mr. Burroughs is a member of my Post, an officer of that Post which I now command, and you will make no mistake in electing Comrade Burroughs as Delegate at Large.

Comrade Anthony: I move you that the rules be suspended and that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to cast the ballot for Comrade Samuel W. Burroughs, Post 384.

Supported and carried.

Agreeable to instruction I cast the ballot of this encampment for Comrade Samuel W. Burroughs for Delegate at Large.

Department Commander: I declare Samuel W. Burroughs duly elected Delegate at Large for this Encampment.

Comrade Howe, Post 98: I understand that Edgar G. Spaulding of our city, who has spent many years of his early life in prison in the south is a candidate for Alternate at Large from this encampment. I make a motion, if there are no other nominations, that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to cast the ballot for Edgar G. Spaulding of Post 98.

Supported and carried.

The Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot as instructed.

Comrade Cook: Comrades, It gives me great pleasure to announce that the Assistant Adjutant General has cast the vote of this encampment for Edgar G. Spaulding, who served in prison with me, as Alternate at Large. I want to say that Ed Spaulding is the best fellow on earth.

Department Commander: I declare Edgar G. Spaulding duly elected Alternate at Large.

Department Commander: The Assistant Adjutant General will call the roll of districts for District Delegates. The Adjutant has the names of comrades chosen in your district convention. If there is any mistake some comrade from that district will so state. Listen to the names of the Comrades for District Delegates.

Assistant Adjutant General: One or two of the Districts have not handed in the report of the caucus that was held. When I come to that number I wish you would step up and hand in the report:

- District No. 1, O. D. Kingsley, Post 17, Detroit.
- District No. 2, Hope Welch, Post 45, Adrian.
- District No. 3, I. W. Taylor, Post 32, Battle Creek.
- District No. 4, James Martin, Post 35, South Haven.
- District No. 5, W. D. Frost, Post 5, Grand Rapids.
- District No. 6, David S. Howard, Post 147, Pontiac.
- District No. 7, Henry S. White, Post 202, Romeo.
- District No. 8, G. T. Converse, Post 38, Saginaw.
- District No. 9, R. C. Norris, Post 461, Cadillac.
- District No. 10, George W. Butterfield, Post 419, Bay City.
- District No. 11, M. D. Richardson, Post 365, Lake City.
- District No. 12, Court Moore, Post 300, Marquette.

Comrade Duffield: I move you, sir, that the District Delegates as reported by the districts be affirmed by the encampment.

Supported and carried.

Department Commander: I declare them duly elected.

Department Commander: The Assistant Adjutant General will now read the names of Alternates from the same Districts.

Assistant Adjutant General:

- District No. 1, James Reid, Post 17, Detroit.
- District No. 2, A. T. Hecock, Post 10, Dundee.
- District No. 3, E. E. Lewis, Post 109, Coldwater.
- District No. 4, Albert S. Roe, Post 21, St. Joseph.
- District No. 5, P. H. McBride, Post 262, Holland.
- District No. 6, Oscar Johnson, Post 145, Flint.
- District No. 7, George W. Howe, Post 98, Port Huron.
- District No. 8, Victor B. Rottiers, Post 190, Birch Run.
- District No. 9, Alexander Eckerman, Post 7, Muskegon.
- District No. 10, Griff Lewis, Post 67, Bay City.
- District No. 11, F. Ludington, Post 164, Morley.
- District No. 12, Archibald Scott, Post 176, Hancock.

Comrade Duffield: I move that the list of Alternates as read by the Assistant Adjutant General be approved and confirmed as the Alternates from this encampment.

Supported and carried.

The following additional Delegates were elected:

Lyman P. Judson, Post 372, Benzonina.
Robert Finch, Post 5, Grand Rapids.
W. H. Beasley, Post 101, Ithaca.
William M. Horton, Post 114, Fowlerville.
William A. Bolter, Post 42, Lansing.
A. L. Bryant, Post 255, Mayville.
T. A. Willitts, Post 145, Flint.
James W. Grenfield, Post 89, Flushing.

The following additional Alternates were elected:

Eli Strong, Post 79, Bay City.
D. J. Willson, Post 48, Jackson.
James Miller, Post 433, Detroit.
Henry Spaulding, Post 20, Hartford.
D. C. Cooper, Post 205, Owosso.
J. G. Berry, Post 263, Vanderbilt.
William Thompson, Post 98, Port Huron.

Assistant Adjutant General: Before we proceed to the election of the Council of Administration, I feel that it is necessary to give you some little information. The Council of Administration has the handling of the Department during the year in the absence of this encampment. They also have the oversight of the books of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General. If you put men on this Council of Administration who are not well posted as to the dealings and work of the Grand Army and also as business men familiar with accounts, you are embarrassing the work of the Department. Now put your best men on this Council of Administration, men who are capable in every way. We have had good, capable men all along but when we put in new men every time there is a certain amount of embarrassment and extra work falling upon the Assistant Quartermaster General and myself and it ought not to be so. You may think it is an honorary office. It is a working office and one of the hardest in the Department.

Comrade Schneider: I want to nominate a comrade to fill that bill exactly as described by the Assistant Adjutant General, one who has all the qualifications. I want to nominate W. W. Cook, Post 42.

Comrade Spears, Post 10, of Dundee, was nominated by Comrade Van Raalte.

Comrade W. J. Clute, Post 166, Marshall, was placed in nomination.

Comrade M. D. Richardson, Post 365, and Comrade Geo. Raab, Post 145, were nominated by Comrade Mallory.

It was moved and supported that the rules be suspended and that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to cast the vote of the encampment for the above named gentlemen to compose the Council of Administration for the ensuing year.

Carried.

Assistant Adjutant General: According to instructions I cast the vote of this Department for W. W. Cook, Post 42; W. J. Clute, Post 166; D. C. Spears, Post 10; M. D. Richardson, Post 365; George Raab, Post 145, for Council of Administration.

Comrade Duffield: I offer the following motion, comrades, that the fund of \$869.00 presented to this Department by the Department of Michigan, Woman's Relief Corps, be disposed of under the direction of the Council of Administration for the purposes expressed in the gift of its generous donors. That is, briefly, that it be applied to help out weak Posts who are about to disband, and to maintain the membership of the Department. So far as in the judgment of the Council of Administration it is practical and desirable.

I move the adoption of the resolution. The Council of Administration has the power under this resolution, if you adopt it, to do whatever they think best with that money. On the other hand, if the Council of Administration does find a case where the Post through disaster or fire or anything of that kind needs to be helped, then they can, if they please, and only if they please, they can put it there.

Supported and carried.

Comrades Van Raalte and Kanitz were appointed a Committee to escort the Commander-elect to the rostrum.

Department Commander: You have made no provision for meeting next year at any place. If anybody has a proposition, let him fire away.

Comrade Duffield: I move that it be left to the Council of Administration.

Comrade White, Post 79: I have a communication which I desire to read. It will tell its own story.

KALAMAZOO, MICH., June 12, 1908.

Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan. In Encampment Assembled:

Gentlemen: It having come to our knowledge that the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan, will at the present assembly, select a meeting place for the next Encampment; we, The Commercial Club of Kalamazoo, representing the largest interests of our city, most heartily invite your most honorable body, to consider the advantages of holding such meeting in our city in 1909.

We pledge ourselves to cooperate with your representatives in every way possible and aid them in making your visit pleasant, profitable and economical.

Our hotel accommodations equal those of many much larger cities and you will find them both ample and of good quality.

A Convention Hall, with seating capacity of 3,000 will be completed this season.

We have first-class transportation facilities furnished by five steam railroads and a first class electric system.

We have a city of 40,000 people situated in one of the most beautiful valleys and on one of the most beautiful rivers in our State.

Lastly, our whole population are ready to do honor to your members individually and collectively.

We believe, should you accept this invitation, your meeting will be one of the most delightful you will ever hold. Thanking you for any consideration you may give us we are,

Most respectfully yours,

COMMERCIAL CLUB,
J. D. CLEMENT, Secretary.

CITY OF KALAMAZOO,
MICHIGAN.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

June 13, 1908.

To the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan, In Encampment Assembled, Detroit, Michigan:

Gentlemen: On behalf of the citizens of the city of Kalamazoo, I wish to extend to you an invitation to hold your next encampment in the city of Kalamazoo.

We shall be delighted to entertain you, and all of our citizens join with me in extending to you a hearty invitation to hold this encampment here.

We trust that our fair city will so be favored, and I remain,

Yours very truly,

FRANK N. MILHAM,

Mayor.

Comrade Duffield: I move that the invitation to hold the next encampment of the Grand Army at Kalamazoo be accepted.

Supported and carried.

Comrade Van Raalte: Your Committee wishes to report, having been appointed to escort your Department Commander-elect and Comrade Parker to the stage, we wish to present to you our present Commander-elect Foote and Comrade Parker.

Department Commander: Comrade Foote, I have not language to express my feeling on this occasion. You know how I love you. You know that I know that your administration will be out of sight when you get through.

Comrade Foote: Commander Jibb, I appreciate the kind words that you have said but I fear I cannot fill the bill. Comrades of the Department of Michigan, this is no time for a speech from me. I can only say that from the bottom of my heart, from the top of my head to the soles of my feet, every effort that can be made during the coming year to advance the interests of the Grand Army of the Department of Michigan, will be made by me. (Applause.) I fear, though, that I shall fall far short of your present Commander, William Jibb, in my efforts. But I have had the interests of the Grand Army at heart since April 10, 1873, and as I grow in years,—not older—but as I grow in years, the interest increases every year and I hope that it will keep on increasing until the sun of my existence shall set. I again thank you, comrades, and shall leave the future to tell my story. That is all I have to say. (Applause.)

Department Commander: Comrades, I want to introduce to you my dear old friend, Burt Parker. I want to say that you will hear from him next year.

Comrade Burton Parker: Commander and Comrades, I congratulate the Department upon the election of Comrade Foote. He is not an old man as my friend Comrade Lawrence would have made him; he is

a boy the same as myself. I know that every pulsation of his kind, loving heart beats with the old soldier and the Grand Army of the Republic and I want you to join me in pledging ourselves to aid him in every effort, in every way in order to make his administration a brilliant and glorious success. (Applause.) I want you to join me in pledging ourselves to impress on the rising generation that the price of liberty is bought by precious blood and precious treasure; that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. (Applause.)

Comrade Kanitz: I move that we now proceed to the installation of officers-elect.

C. V. R. Pond being the Senior Post Department Commander present was called on and proceeded to install the officers-elect.

C. E. Foote, Department Commander, appointed Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General and James E. White Assistant Q. M. General and they were duly installed into their respective offices.

The Department Commander announced a meeting of the Council of Administration at the Hotel Normandie at 2 p. m.

The Chaplain invoked the divine blessing and the Department Commander declared the Thirtieth encampment closed.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Assistant Adjutant General.

MEETING OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
IMPERIAL HOTEL, BAY CITY, June 12th, 1907.

Pursuant to the call of the Department Commander William Jibb, the Council of Administration met at 3 p. m.

Meeting was called to order by the Department Commander, the following members being present.

William Jibb, Department Commander; Edward B. Nugent, Senior Vice Department Commander; Henry Spaulding, Junior Vice Department Commander; William Putnam, Department Chaplain; W. W. Root, Medical Director; George R. Cochrane, Assistant Quartermaster General; Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General; M. D. Richardson, George Raab, S. H. Mallery, J. J. Drake and E. T. Carrington, members Council of Administration.

On motion of Medical Director Root, the bonds of the Assistant Quartermaster General were fixed at \$2,500 and the bonds of the Assistant Adjutant General at \$1,000, the premium on said bonds to be paid by the Department.

Motion prevailed.

The Assistant Adjutant General stated that Headquarters had been secured at the United States Hotel in Saratoga, four sleeping rooms and a parlor with board for eight people for fifty dollars per day.

Comrade Spaulding moved that those occupying rooms at headquar-

ters, whose expense is not provided for by the Department be charged at the rate of three dollars per day.

Motion was carried.

Comrade Carrington moved that the Department employ a Drum Corps for the encampment at Saratoga, and that Department Commander William Jibb and Assistant Quartermaster General George R. Cochrane be a committee to secure the Drum Corps.

Carried.

Comrade Raab moved that \$50 dollars be appropriated to secure the usual bronze badge for the Forty-first National Encampment to be held at Saratoga.

Motion carried.

Comrade Mallery moved that the Assistant Adjutant General procure two thousand ribbon badges with the word "Michigan" printed thereon for distribution to those attending the National Encampment.

Carried.

Moved that the Assistant Adjutant General be authorized to advance the per capita tax, for such Posts as in his judgment it will be best to do so, in order that they may not be reported as delinquents.

Motion prevailed.

The Department Commander appointed the following comrades as members of the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration:

E. T. Carrington, Post 278, Bay City.

M. D. Richardson, Post 365, Lake City.

S. H. Mallery, Post 382, Lake Odessa.

The Department Commander also announced the appointment of Comrade James Van Kleeck, of Post 67, to be Judge Advocate.

Comrade Van Kleeck was duly installed as Judge Advocate by the Department Commander.

There being no further business the Council adjourned to meet at call of the Department Commander.

Approved,

WILLIAM JIBB,

Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Asst. Adjt. General, G. A. R.

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE C. OF A.

DETROIT, MICH., June 16, 1908.

Pursuant to call of the Department Commander, the Executive Committee met in Parlor B, Hotel Normandie, at 10:30 a. m.

Present:

William Jibb, Department Commander.

George R. Cochran, Assistant Quartermaster General.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.

M. D. Richardson,	} Executive Committee.
Steve Mallery,	
George Raab,	

The committee proceeded to examine and audit the books of the Assistant Adjutant General and find the same to be correct.

That the amount received by him during the year was \$2,740.70, all of which had been turned over to the Assistant Quartermaster General and for which he has his receipts.

The accounts of the Assistant Quartermaster General, together with vouchers were examined and compared and found to be correct, showing total receipts from all sources for the year to be \$5,534.15. Disbursements, \$2,727.45, leaving balance in hands of the Assistant Quartermaster General, \$2,806.70, and represented in the following funds: In General fund, \$1,806.70; in Alger fund, \$1,000.00.

It was moved that the railroad fare of the members of the Executive Committee in attending this meeting be paid.

Adopted.

On motion committee adjourned.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Asst. Adj. General.

MEETING OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

HOTEL NORMANDIE, DETROIT, MICHIGAN,

June 16, 1908.

Agreeable to the call of the Department Commander the Council of Administration met at 2:30 p. m.

William Jibb, Department Commander, called the meeting to order.

Present:

William Jibb, Department Commander.

Henry Spaulding, Junior Vice Department Commander.

James Van Kleeck, Judge Advocate.

George R. Cochrane, Assistant Quartermaster General.
Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.
M. D. Richardson, }
George Raab, } Committee of Administration.
Steve Mallory, }
J. J. Drake, }

The Assistant Adjutant General reported that a stenographer had been engaged to take the minutes of the proceedings of the encampment and transcribe the same for fifty dollars (\$50.00).

Comrade Drake moved that \$50.00 be allowed and paid to the stenographer when his work was completed.

Carried.

The list of Department property was submitted with estimated value of same.

Moved that ten per cent be deducted from the amount as given.

Which motion prevailed.

(For itemized statement of property see Exhibit "A.")

The Assistant Adjutant General presented statement of supplies on hand amounting to \$ (See itemized statement Exhibit "B").

The Executive Committee wishing more time to complete their report the Council of Administration adjourned until 8 a. m., June 17.

DETROIT, June 17th, 8 a. m.

Agreeable to adjournment the Council of Administration met promptly on time.

The Executive Committee reported that they had examined the books and vouchers of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General and find the same to be correct, and make the following statement of the finances of the Department:

Balance on hand June 12, 1907, General fund, \$1,645.73; in Alger fund, \$1,000; received from all sources during the year, \$2,888.42, making total \$5,534.15 received by the Assistant Quartermaster General.

Total disbursements for the year amounted to \$2,727.45, leaving balance on hand to date of \$2,806.70, represented as follows: In General fund, \$1,806.70; in the Alger fund, \$1,000.

This shows an increase in the General fund of \$160.97.

Report of the Executive Committee was on motion accepted and adopted.

Council of Administration then adjourned.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R.

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

The Thirtieth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, held in the city of Detroit, June 17th and 18th, opened on the morning of the 17th very auspiciously, fine weather and a very large attendance.

Through the untiring energy of Milton Carmichael, Secretary of the Detroit Convention and Tourist Bureau, every detail was carefully looked after and all wants supplied. The Citizens Committee very generously furnishing the beautiful bronze encampment badge, with the medallion bearing the profile of our beloved Comrade and late Commander-in-Chief General Russell A. Alger.

Headquarters were provided for the Grand Army at the Hotel Normandie, where every comfort was provided.

RECEPTION TO DEPARTMENT COMMANDER AND STAFF.

On Tuesday evening the 16th, in the spacious parlors of the Hotel Cadillac, the Department President of the W. R. C. and her associate officers tendered a reception to Department Commander, William Jibb, and his staff. For nearly two hours the endless procession of enthusiastic members of the G. A. R., the W. R. C. and patriotic citizens of Detroit, passed along the line. It was indeed a most successful greeting to all interested and too much praise cannot be given to the Ladies of the W. R. C. who so successfully arranged and carried out the reception.

The annual parade which took place on the afternoon of Wednesday the 17th, was a most notable affair. The Grand Army being escorted by a regiment of the National Guard together with a company of cavalry and the Naval Reserves. The Department of Michigan was headed by a Drum Corps of over thirty members every one of which was a veteran of the civil war.

The line of march was thronged with an enthusiastic and cheering populace.

The Banner Post of the Department, Detroit Post 384, under command of Col. O. A. Janes, acted as escort for the Department and their fine marching and military bearing provoked continued applause.

THE CAMPFIRE.

This was the crowning event of the encampment. Between four and five thousand people, composed of the members of the Grand Army, the W. R. C. and the Ladies of the G. A. R., and citizens filled the spacious auditorium of the Light Guard Armory to overflowing, and for over three hours listened to the patriotic utterances of Commander-in-Chief Charles E. Burton, also from Mrs. Kate E. Jones, National President of the W. R. C., Mrs. Creusere, Department President of the W. R. C., Mrs. Earle, Department President of the Ladies of the G. A. R., Past Department Commander Henry M. Duffield, Department

Commander William Jibb, Governor Fred M. Warner, Mayor Thompson, Ex-Mayor Maybury and others. The singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" by Mrs. Delia Caldwell was most enthusiastically received and applauded as was also the singing of "The Sword of Bunker Hill" by Homer Warren.

SILVER JUBILEE OFFERING.

The presentation of this most generous offering by the Auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Woman's Relief Corps, being the twenty-fifth anniversary of that grand organization. The presentation was made by the Department President, Mrs. Evelyn Creusere in the following well chosen words:

"Commander-in-Chief, Mr. Chairman, Department Commander, Comrades, Members of the Woman's Relief Corps, kindred organizations and friends:

"I know of no greater pleasure than to stand before you this evening as the representative of the Department of Michigan, Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Auxiliary to that grand organization where membership cannot be bought and where the man that wears the little bronze button knows that he has earned the right to wear it.

We are celebrating at this time our Twenty-fifth Annual Convention, our Silver Anniversary, and we are justly proud of the record we have made.

Since the organization of our Department we have expended for relief of the needy veterans of Michigan the sum of \$120,139.16, and in this record of the past lies our promise for the future.

We appreciate the honor of being the Auxiliary to the Grand Army, we appreciate its loyalty to us and its recognition of us as its Auxiliary. Staunch and true has it been to us, loyal and faithful have we been to them, and so Commander, I bring to you tonight a testimonial of our appreciation and affection.

I bring to you a Silver Offering generously donated by the Loyal Corps of Michigan, and I present to you and through you to the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, this offering of \$869.24, and we ask that it be used for the building up and maintaining of the Grand Army of the Republic in Michigan.

Comrades do not allow yourselves to be suspended or dropped from the ranks of the Grand Army. You need the Grand Army and it needs you; stand shoulder to shoulder together now as you did in '61 to '65, and if through misfortune or illness you are unable to meet your indebtedness to your Posts, call on your Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps; they will gladly come to your assistance, for as long as there is a Grand Army Post, as long as there is a comrade of the Grand Army, there will be a Woman's Relief Corps to render loving care to you and your dependent ones, and when the last of you shall have been called home, the Woman's Relief Corps shall still live and teach to all a due reverence for your memory.

Fear not, Comrades, that you shall be forgotten, for so long as love of country shall warm the human heart, we shall teach to all to bow in reverence in that place where they shall read the inscription, "Here

lies a soldier of the Civil War." And could we ever look at that grand old Flag and not remember you?

"That grand old flag, the nation's boast,
The flag of many stripes and stars,
Well may we love since dearly bought,
With Hero's lives, their wounds and scars."

God bless you, Comrades; all honor to you and to the memory of the heroes who are sleeping, who have made it possible for us to say: One country, one language and one flag.

The Silver offering was presented in a beautiful solid silver loving cup. This magnificent cup being presented by Mrs. Allaseba M. Bliss, in memory of her late husband Gov. A. T. Bliss.

The cup bears the inscription: "Presented to the G. A. R. and W. R. C. of Michigan by Allaseba M. Bliss, in memory of her husband, Col. A. T. Bliss."

On the reverse side it reads: "A silver offering presented to the G. A. R., by its Auxiliary, the W. R. C. in commemoration of its Silver Anniversary, June 17, 1908.

The munificent gift was received in behalf of the G. A. R. by Department Commander William Jibb, in eloquent and well chosen words.

This, one of the most enthusiastic and successful campfires, was presided over by Past Department Commander Col. O. A. James, who was most happy in his remarks and in the introduction of the several speakers.

The exercises closed by the vast audience singing "America."

GENERAL ORDERS.

SERIES 1907-1908.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, June 14, 1907.

General Orders No. 1, Series 1907-08.

1. Having been elected Department Commander at the Twenty-ninth Annual Encampment, held at Bay City, June 11-12, I hereby assume command. I have accepted the responsibilities of this high office, with the full purpose of giving to the Grand Army of the Republic the best efforts at my command, for the upbuilding of our loved order. I thank you, my comrades, for the honor conferred and I most earnestly desire the hearty co-operation of every comrade of the Department to make the year a most successful one.

2. Fayette Wyckoff, of Lansing, has been appointed Assistant Adjutant General and Geo. R. Cochrane, Adrian, Assistant Quartermaster General.

3. Headquarters of the Department are established at the Capitol, Lansing, where all official communications should be sent.

Personal communications intended for the Commander should be addressed to Adrian, Mich.

The further action of the Encampment will be given in General Orders No. 2.

WM. JIBB,
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, June 24, 1907.

General Orders No. 2, Series 1907-08.

1. At the Twenty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, held at Bay City, June 11 and 12, the following Department Officers and Representatives were elected:

Department Commander, William Jibb, Post 45, Adrian.

Senior Vice Department Commander, Edward B. Nugent, Post 67, Bay City.

Junior Vice Department Commander, Henry Spaulding, Post 20, Hartford.

Department Chaplain, William Putnam, Post 42, Lansing.
Medical Director, W. W. Root, Post 441, Mason.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

M. D. Richardson, Post 365, Lake City.
George Raab, Post 145, Flint.
S. H. Mallery, Post 382, Lake Odessa.
J. J. Drake, Post 21, St. Joseph.
E. T. Carrington, Post 278, Bay City.

The following staff appointments are hereby announced:

Inspector, W. W. Cook, Post 42, Lansing.
Judge Advocate, James Van Kleeck, Post 67, Bay City.
Chief Mustering Officer, John R. Bennett, Post 7, Muskegon.
Patriotic Instructor, Fred J. Buck, Post 45, Adrian.
Chief of Staff, Isaac Grant, Post 451, Reed City.
Senior Aide-de-Camp, W. W. Whitney, Post 2, Quincy.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

O. A. Janes, Post 384, Detroit.
C. E. Foote, Post 79, Kalamazoo.
Wm. G. Gage, Post 38, Saginaw.

COMMITTEE TO VISIT SOLDIERS' HOME.

S. J. Lawrence, Post 318, Northville.
L. H. Ives, Post 441, Mason.
John Northwood, Post 438, New Lathrop.

DELEGATES TO FORTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

John Devlin (at large) Post 433, Detroit.
David S. Kimball, Post 17, Detroit.
E. K. Starkweather, Post 318, Northville.
T. J. Snow, Post 40, Charlotte.
Bishop E. Andrews, Post 72, Three Rivers.
P. H. McBride, Post 262, Holland.
Allen S. Shattuck, Post 42, Lansing.
O. S. Church, Post 144, Lapeer.
W. J. Marks, Post 214, Millington.
Geo. W. Wheeler, Post 461, Cadillac.
John G. Berry, Post 163, Vanderbilt.
Geo. H. Gilbert, Post 451, Reed City.
T. E. Beanston, Post 300, Marquette.
David C. Oakes, Post 79, Kalamazoo.
David C. Spears, Post 10, Dundee.
J. M. Greenfield, Post 89, Flushing.
Albert Dunham, Post 48, Jackson.
Wm. Smith, Post 233, Wales.
S. J. Lawrence, Post 318, Northville.

A. L. Bryant, Post 255, Mayville.
 H. W. Simms, Post 67, Bay City.
 Geo. W. Doty, Post 252, Howard City.
 W. S. Bradley, Post 35, South Haven.

ALTERNATES.

Geo. W. Howe (at large) Post 98, Port Huron.
 Geo. L. Holmes, Post 17, Detroit.
 J. K. Perriman, Post 110, Hudson.
 L. D. Rodman, Post 111, Eaton Rapids.
 John Hoffmaster, Post 80, Hopkins.
 S. H. Mallery, Post 382, Lake Odessa.
 William Horton, Post 145, Flint.
 J. F. Cotton, Post 216, Mt. Pleasant.
 F. C. Crowell, Post 38, Saginaw, W. S.
 Elijah Bowerman, Post 461, Selma.
 L. G. Wilcox, Post 419, Bay City.
 William Bartholomew, Post 365, Lake City.
 Curtis Moore, Post 300, Marquette.
 O. Palmer, Post 240, Grayling.
 L. H. Ives, Post 441, Mason.
 Henry Maurer, Post 233, Lamb.
 W. W. Morgan, Post 38, Saginaw.
 H. F. Yarick, Post 358, Cadmus.
 H. C. Walker, Post 157, Cassopolis.
 A. J. Scott, Post 174, Houghton.
 W. E. Clark, Post 286, Fife Lake.
 John C. Rowden, Post 407, Auburn.
 John Conard, Post 270, Ecorse.

If the names and postoffice address is not correct please notify the Assistant Adjutant General at once.

The following named Comrades are appointed Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander:

Thomas S. McGraw, Post 384.
 Frank R. Chase, Post 126.
 Jno. W. McCrath, Post 5.
 Geo. W. Hurd, Post 10.
 Byron Stansfield, Post 12.
 Albert Hows, Post 14.
 Carl Engle, Post 17.
 L. B. Wolcott, Post 6.
 Luther Fry, Post 25.
 John D. Hanna, Post 33.
 David Lamley, Post 43.
 Dan. J. Willson, Post 48.
 A. H. Beech, Post 110.
 Henry Stevens, Post 140.
 Edward C. Marsh, Post 145.
 C. H. Gorsuch, Post 146.

Richard Bailey, Post 360.
Ren Barker, Post 451.

Post Commanders are requested to send in the name of an active Comrade for appointment on the Staff of the Department Commander at once.

Semi-annual reports for first term are now due. Post Commanders will see that these reports and the per capita tax are forwarded to Department headquarters at once. Comrades, let there be no delay in this important duty.

All requisitions for supplies *must* be accompanied with draft or money orders payable to Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adj. General. Comrades ordering supplies will govern themselves accordingly.

Preparations for the 41st National Encampment at Saratoga Springs is being vigorously pushed and full information will be sent to the Posts as soon as received.

The Department Commander desires that as many Posts and Battalions go in a body as possible.

Fred J. Buck, Adrian, having been appointed Department Patriotic Instructor, all communications relative to Patriotic work should be addressed to him.

The Department Chaplain reports a large number of Posts have not sent in their Memorial Day reports. Post Commanders are charged with the duty of seeing that these and all reports are promptly forwarded. Only a few more days and the Department Chaplain must forward his report to National Department.

Comrades are requested to notify headquarters of the dates of all Reunions, Campfires and other Patriotic gatherings, especially those held under the auspices of the Grand Army.

Your Department Commander desires that an energetic campaign be at once organized in every Post to bring in the Comrades who for some reason are not now a member of our Noble Order.

Persuade them to come in; this is a duty you owe them. It is also the duty of every veteran of the great Civil War to enroll himself with his comrades and assist in maintaining that fraternity and comradeship that should know no end.

By command of

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Assistant Adjutant General.

WILLIAM JIBB,
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, August 9, 1907.

General Orders No. 3.

1. For the guidance of those attending the 41st National Encampment to be held at Saratoga Springs during the week beginning Monday, September 9th.

2. Headquarters of the Department of Michigan, will be established at the United States Hotel, in Cottage No. 14, on Monday morning, September 9, and continue until the close of the encampment.

3. All comrades from Michigan and all who served in Michigan regiments are expected to call and register as soon as possible after arriving in the city. Registration will be by the card system.

4. There will be a meeting of the Delegates and members of the encampment from this Department at headquarters in the United States Hotel at 3 p. m., Tuesday, Sept. 10th, to select a member for the committee on resolutions, also a member for the National Council of Administration, and to transact such other business as may properly come before them in connection with the encampment. Delegate badges will be distributed at this meeting.

5. All delegates elected from this Department will at once notify the Assistant Adjutant General, if they expect to attend the encampment; this is necessary in order that alternates may be notified where delegates are unable to attend, thus securing a full representation from this Department.

6. The annual parade will take place on Wednesday, September 11th, at 2 p. m. Full particulars of formation and line of march will be found in General Orders No. 10 from National Headquarters.

7. The attention of delegates and members of the encampment is called to the proposed amendments to the Rules and Regulations, as published in General Orders No. 10 from National Headquarters. They should be carefully read and considered, so that all may act intelligently on the questions submitted.

FREE QUARTERS.

Free quarters will be provided for those who may desire them, and who make application for the same fifteen days prior to the encampment, but this is only to apply to those who come in uniform and who will appear in the parade. Application for Free Quarters must be made to Frank M. Sterrett, Executive Director, Saratoga Springs, N. Y. Parties desiring to secure accommodations in advance of their arrival should write to Frank M. Sterrett, as above, stating the kind of accommodations desired, and the price you wish to pay. This will need prompt attention by all desiring to secure quarters.

DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS TRAIN.

As announced in Special Orders No. 1, this train for the accommodation of all living in the northern and western part of the State will

leave Grand Rapids on the Pere Marquette R. R. at 5:30 p. m., Saturday, Sept. 7th, and will leave Detroit over the Wabash R. R. at 10:50 p. m., running through solid without change of cars.

INSPECTION.

There will be a general inspection of the Posts of this Department. To make this inspection of benefit to the Posts, where practical, a County Inspector will be appointed who will inspect the Posts in his county. Commanders of Posts will receive notice from and arrange with the Assistant Inspector for the inspection of their several Posts. It is expected that, as far as possible, the Posts will bear the expenses of the Assistant Inspector in visiting their Posts. It is hoped that by this method much good may be accomplished and increased interest manifested. This inspection is under the immediate charge of Department Inspector W. W. Cook, Box 299, Lansing, to whom all communications relative to inspection should be addressed.

Orders detailing the following comrades as Assistant Inspectors for the counties named will soon be issued:

Allegan, Joseph W. Ely.
Bay, E. B. Nugent.
Calhoun, Edward Cunningham.
Cass, G. I. Nash.
Delta, A. H. Rolph.
Grand Traverse, M. D. Morgan.
Ingham, A. S. Shattuck.
Jackson, H. F. Hatch.
Livingston, Geo. Barnes.
Marquette, P. C. Beanston.
Monroe, L. B. Smith.
Otsego, John G. Berry.
Ottawa, A. J. Ward.
Saginaw, J. W. Budd.
St. Clair, E. V. W. Brokaw.
Van Buren, John G. Todd.

Further announcements will be made in future orders.

AIDES-DE-CAMP

On the staff of the Department Commander are expected to enter earnestly on the work of promoting the interests of this Department by recruiting the membership of their Posts. Here is a field for activity that will bring great results. It is surprising what the work of an earnest Grand Army comrade may accomplish in bringing in new recruits and the reinstatement of those who have dropped out. The position of Aide is not one of idle honor, but involves work for the interest of the Posts and comrades. Many Posts have not sent in recommendations for appointment as Aide-de-Camp. Post Commanders will see that some efficient comrade is named at once. The following named have been recommended, and are hereby appointed as Aide-de-Camps on the

staff of the Department Commander. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

James Wood, Post 1.
 William Wimar, Post 2.
 Thomas Gaynor, Post 8.
 Morris Long, Post 12.
 Harland R. Strong, Post 17.
 O. F. Richmond Post 22.
 W. H. Harwood, Post 40.
 George Durfee, Post 45.
 Fred Wellington, Post 90.
 S. H. Thomas, Post 89.
 Daniel W. Larzell, Post 86.
 J. O. Probasco, Post 100.
 Harvey T. Weaver, Post 121.
 John Bronson, Post 125.
 William T. Renner, Post 131.
 Geo. J. Keyser, Post 140.
 Silas Bullard, Post 181.
 H. R. Janes, Post 197.
 Ransom Russell, Post 198.
 S. P. Vanderhoff, Post 198.
 J. A. Case, Post 214.
 John A. Harris, Post 250.
 A. D. Jackson, Post 274.
 William Edwins, Post 283.
 A. E. Terwilliger, Post 358.
 Robt. A. Babcock, Post 370.
 Nicholas Matzen, Post 412.

Aides are requested to secure their rank badges and wear them on all proper occasions.

A year of active work is before us; let every comrade do his part.

By command of

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Assistant Adjutant General.

WILLIAM JIBB,
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
 CAPITOL, LANSING, Oct. 2, 1907.

General Orders No. 4.

The 41st National Encampment, held at Saratoga, N. Y., Sept. 9-14, like its forty predecessors, was of great interest and enthusiastic from its beginning to the close. For the first time since the encampment at St. Louis, twenty years ago, the annual parade of the Grand Army of the Republic took place amidst a downpour of rain. Notwithstanding this the comrades of this Department stood by their colors, exhibiting that indomitable spirit which possessed them in the exacting days of

the great war; every comrade marched through to the end, passing the reviewing stand with flags and banners drenched and clinging to the staffs, the uniforms of the comrades wet and bedraggled, but every man in line. The Department Commander desires most earnestly to express his heartfelt thanks and admiration for the comrades of the great Department of Michigan. None did better—none could do better. Every comrade was loyal to his Department, and it was this loyalty that enabled the Department of Michigan to so nobly do its part. He has nothing but praise for every one; where all did so well, there is no opportunity for special mention of any one comrade.

We would be remiss in our duty did we not bear testimony for the noble women of our Department W. R. C.; by their presence and cheerfulness they were ever ready in word and deed to give encouragement to the "Boys in Blue." This was manifested by their willingness to endure the discomforts of the driving rain to encourage the Comrades on the march. We can but express our appreciation of their devotion and enthusiasm. God bless these noble women.

The special train bearing the Department of the G. A. R. and the W. R. C., with numerous comrades and friends, left Detroit on schedule time; the trip to Saratoga was most enjoyable, and we arrived at our destination without a mishap to mar its pleasure.

The encampment was opened informally on Tuesday evening, June 10th. The large Convention Hall was crowded to overflowing with from eight to ten thousand people who listened with rapture to the words of welcome from Gov. Hughes, the eloquent response by Commander-in-Chief Brown, and earnest words that came from others.

It was a love feast without alloy, and was most fittingly closed by the National President of the W. R. C., Mrs. Carrie R. Sparklin; who, with earnest words of appreciation and love for the comrades, presented to the National Department of the Grand Army of the Republic a jubilee gift from the Woman's Relief Corps of six thousand dollars. This magnificent gift was received by the comrades with rousing cheers. Surely no other organization, the world over, can boast of such a faithful and helpful auxiliary.

The hospitality of the citizens of Saratoga was unbounded; the latch string of every home was out, and despite the fears of many, the fifty-five thousand visitors were all comfortably housed and fed, and there was room for more.

The National Encampment proper, for the forty-first time in its history, assembled in Convention Hall, Thursday morning, September 12th. Its sessions were of the most harmonious character, and many measures of importace to our Order were considered and adopted. These will be promulgated in due time in general orders from the National Department.

Comrade Chas. R. Burton, of Kansas City, Mo., was chosen Commander-in-Chief. Toledo, Ohio, was selected as the place for holding the next National encampment. Comrades, this is so near our own State border, that the Department of Michigan will in a measure be responsible for its success. Let every Post in this Department commence, at this early day, to arrange for attending the Toledo Encampment.

You are also reminded that the Department Encampment will be

held in the city of Detroit, in June next (date not yet fixed). The Business Men's Association have already commenced to plan for our reception; let us not be behind in our planning to meet in Detroit. Make the next Department encampment a record breaker. Would it not be a good plan for as many of the regimental associations as possible to arrange for holding their reunion at this encampment? In appreciation of the opportunities offered by these encampments every Post and comrade is urged to renewed activity in recruiting our ranks.

The Aide-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander have been appointed for their activity in the ranks of the G. A. R. It is expected that these comrades will second the desire of the Department Commander and look after the delinquent members and those who should be members of our order; build up the Posts and by so doing the Department will be benefited. The following additional names have been appointed as Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander; they will be respected and obeyed accordingly:

G. A. Whitbeck, Post 3, Whitehall.
John Lane, Post 21, St. Joseph.
Edson Pickell, Post 37, Stanton.
Silas Church, Post 62, Cedar Springs.
Clark B. Lowell, Post 88, Union City.
C. Fleming, Post 108, Grand Ledge.
Fred Waldron, Post 261, Wayne.

ASSISTANT INSPECTORS.

Comrades named below have been detailed in special orders as County Inspectors. Commanders of each Post should arrange with the county Inspector for inspection:

Benzie, C. C. Forney.
Berrien, S. B. Kimball.
Branch, Edwin E. Lewis.
Cheboygan, Geo. V. Brill.
Chippewa, James A. Troutt.
Crawford, Delevan Smith.
Dickinson, Samuel Bassett.
Eaton, L. S. Snell.
Emmet, Alex. Worden.
Genesee, T. A. Willett.
Gogebic, Curtis Buck.
Ionia, Frank R. Chase.
Lenawee, Clark W. Decker.
Mason, R. P. Bishop.
Mecosta, A. B. Knapp.
Missaukee, Wm. E. Clark.
Muskegon, John C. Deane.
Newaygo, S. G. Allen.
Oakland, Wm. H. Morgans.
Oceana, J. A. Collier.
Osceola, E. C. Cannon.

Sanilac, Oliver Yake.
St. Joseph, A. A. Wilber.
Tuscola, N. M. Richardson.
Wayne, D. S. Kimball.
Wexford, Geo. W. Wheeler.

By command of

FAYETTE WYCKOFF, WILLIAM JIBB,
Assistant Adjutant General, Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, NOV. 21, 1907.

General Orders No. 5, Series 1907-08.

1. As required by Rules and Regulations the annual election of Post officers, delegates and alternates to next Department encampment will take place at the first stated meeting in December. The ratio of representatives in the encampment is as follows: One representative and one alternate for every fifty members or major fraction of that number; every Post, however, is entitled to one representative and one alternate. As Post Commanders are, by virtue of their office, members of the Encampment, as also all Past Post Commanders, they should not be elected as representatives. Post election returns and one copy of credentials should be sent to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the election.

2. Installation of officers will take place at the first meeting in January, unless a special meeting is arranged for. In the absence of a special detail to represent the Department Commander, the Senior Past Post Commander present is hereby detailed to act as Mustering Officer. Special detail of Mustering Officer will be made upon written request of the proper officers of the Post.

3. Post Commanders are reminded that in addition to other appointive officers, they will also appoint a Post Patriotic Instructor to be installed with the other officers of the Post. Earnest workers should be appointed to this office, as success in this work depends upon their efficiency.

4. Mustering Officers, before proceeding with the installation, will ascertain if all reports and per capita tax have been forwarded to Department headquarters.

5. Blanks, Forms A and B, for report of Post Adjutant and Quartermaster, also blanks for report of Post Patriotic Instructor and Post Surgeon, Post election returns, and Credentials for Delegates to the Department encampment, accompany these orders and are all sent to the Post Adjutant. Post Commanders are charged with the duty of seeing that the reports of the Adjutant and Quartermaster are promptly forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the *last meeting in December*.

PER CAPITA TAX.

6. By action of the Twenty-Ninth Department Encampment, held at Bay City, June 11 and 12, the per capita tax was fixed at twenty-five cents per year—twelve and one-half cents for each term. Post Quartermasters will see that the proper amount accompanies the reports. Special care should be taken to avoid mistakes and much time and annoyance thereby avoided.

7. Reports of Post Patriotic instructions shall be sent to Col. Fred J. Buck, Department Patriotic Instructor, Adrian, Mich., and the Post Surgeon's report to Dr. W. W. Root, Medical Director, Mason, Mich. Post officers, before making out reports should read them over carefully and follow printed instructions on each. Many errors will thus be avoided and the work of the Department facilitated.

8. Attention is called to the fact that many Posts send in for supplies without remitting for the same and without the requisition being made upon the proper blanks. Requisition blanks will be furnished free upon application. The money must accompany all orders for supplies. Rules and Regulations require that all recruits when mustered in be furnished with the membership badge. The button cannot be substituted for the badge.

9. Effort has been made to bring about a systematic inspection by appointing Assistant County Inspectors where practical; where no county inspector has been appointed the several Posts have been requested to send in the name of a suitable comrade for detail as Assistant Inspector for their Posts, and this should be done at once. The name of such comrade must be sent to W. W. Cook, Department Inspector, Box 299, Lansing, Mich. Post Commanders will see that proper arrangements are made for the inspection of the Post. Assistant Inspectors will communicate at once with the Commanders of Posts to which they are assigned and arrange dates for their inspection.

10. The Department Commander calls the attention of all to the opportunities for earnest work on all lines. In the election of Post officers see that only live working members are elected. It is also the duty of comrades after electing the officers, to attend the Post meetings and assist the officers in every way to build up our organization. During the year there will be two events of great interest. First, the Department encampment to be held in the city of Detroit. The city will make every arrangement to make your visit enjoyable. Second, the National encampment, to be held at Toledo, is so near our own doors that every one should arrange to be present. Keep these important events in mind and commence early to make arrangements for the same.

11. The Department Commander is very much in favor of joint public installations by Posts and Woman's Relief Corps, and recommends that where possible such installation be held; that the public be invited, and the event made pleasing and enjoyable to Comrades, Corps, and friends.

12. New Jersey Soldiers. Attention! The legislature of New Jersey has provided for presenting a suitable medal to the surviving officers and men who served in New Jersey organizations during the war of the rebellion. Application should be made to the Adjutant General,

Trenton, New Jersey. The medals will be ready for distribution January 15, 1908.

13. The Department Commander is desirous of visiting as many Posts as possible during his administration. Posts desiring his presence should make arrangements as to date as early as possible. When he is unable to attend arrangements will be made, if possible, for some other Department officer to visit them. Arrange for a social season during the winter and spring.

14. How many recruits will your Post report this term? Are you advancing along this line?

	By Command of	
FAYETTE WYCKOFF,		WILLIAM JIBB,
<i>Assistant Adjutant General.</i>		<i>Department Commander.</i>

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, March 23, 1908.

General Orders No. 6.

1. General Orders Nos. 3 and 4 from National Department accompany these orders.

. DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT.

2. By direction of the Council of Administration, the dates for holding the Thirtieth Department Encampment to be held in Detroit, June 16 and 17, 1908, have been selected.

Headquarters of the Department will be established at the Hotel Normandie, on Congress Street, near Woodward Ave. This hotel is centrally located and less than a block from the Light Guard Armory where the encampment will be held.

Rules and Regulations provide that all Posts in arrears for reports or per capita tax shall be excluded from representation in the encampment. Posts in arrears will see to it that their reports and per capita tax are made and fully paid to the Assistant Adjutant General not later than May 1st.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

3. The Forty-second National Encampment will be held in the city of Toledo the week beginning with the 31st of August and ending September 5th, 1908. Michigan should be in strong evidence at this encampment. Arrangements are now being made to care for the Army of veterans, who are expected to be present. Col. Frank M. Sterrett, No. 109-110 Madison Court, Toledo, Ohio, is Executive Director for the citizens committee, and will gladly furnish any desired information relative to the encampment.

Fuller details of both National and Department encampments will be published later.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Attention is specially called to amendment of Rules and Regulations made at the Forty-first National Encampment, Section 3, Article 5, Chapter 2, was amended to read as follows:

Eight (8) members qualified to transact business shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of Posts having fifty (50) and more members in good standing; but Posts of less than fifty (50) and more than twenty-five (25) members; five (5) shall constitute a quorum; and in Posts having less than twenty-five (25) members; three (3) shall constitute a quorum.

JOURNALS OF FORTY-FIRST ENCAMPMENT.

The Journals of the Forty-first National Encampment held at Minneapolis, Corporal James Tanner, Commander-in-Chief, were received too late for distribution at the Bay City encampment. Comrades and Posts desiring a copy can have the same sent to them by remitting fifteen cents to the Assistant Adjutant General to pay postage. Every Post should have a copy of this most interesting journal, it will stimulate those who read it to renewed interest in our great order. Send for a copy.

AIDES-DE-CAMP.

The following additional named comrades have been appointed as aids on the staff of the Department Commander. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

W. H. Jackson, Post 137.

Ira Carley, Post 266.

Warner Churchill, Post 250.

John W. VanDeeman, Post 372.

J. Q. A. Sessions, Post 137.

J. O. Bellaire, Post 5.

By Command of

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Assistant Adjutant General.

WILLIAM JIBB,

Department Commander.

INFORMATION WANTED.

The address of George W. Irving, of Co. E., 1st Michigan Cavalry; by Henry N. Copp, 707 8th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Any information as to living, or dead, of Lewis Christie, Co. B., First Michigan Engineers and Mechanics; by E. A. Perkins, Saginaw, Mich.

The address of all members of "Berdan Sharp Shooters" by W. G. Alexander, Secretary and Chairman of Committee on Reunions, 1971 Summit St., Toledo, Ohio.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, April 20, 1908.

General Orders No. 7.

In accordance with the firmly established rules of the Grand Army of the Republic, and in compliance with General Orders No. 5 from National Headquarters, Saturday, May 30th, will be observed by all the Posts of this Department as "Memorial Day," a day set apart by the people of a renewed and perpetuated Union, in remembrance of those who, in life offered all in defense of our national integrity and honor. The spirit and customs of our order impose upon all comrades the duty of participating in the public recognition of the day. Surely the comrades of this Department do not need a second word to decide their noble duty and dearly bought privilege of paying this tribute of respect and love to our departed comrades. As it is sadly true that so many have gone from the Battlefield of Life, it is grandly true that they have been promoted to the Life Immortal.

Each year the numbers to assemble and perform this sacred duty is rapidly decreasing; but each recurring Memorial Day brings new determination to perpetuate the day and the fraternal ties which unite us in one great comradeship.

Let no grave be unvisited, no comrade forgotten:

So far as possible let all the usual avocations be suspended. Let the day in no manner be diverted from its true purpose; let it be jealously guarded from all appearance of merry-making and frivolous or undignified behavior, that it may teach the youth of the land to the fullest extent the grand lessons of patriotism.

In accord with our usual custom, each Post will arrange to attend divine services on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day. Our auxiliary organizations, the Woman's Relief Corps and Sons of Veterans, with all other patriotic organizations should be invited to unite with us in paying tribute to our honored dead. Let all the people be assembled for special Memorial services where speech and song shall unite to teach and emphasize the duty and reward of patriotism.

Where practical, it is earnestly desired that the children of the public schools be invited to join in the services of the day.

The attention of Posts throughout the Department is called to the great work of visiting the public schools in their respective locality during the days just preceding Memorial Day. The visit of one or more comrades is an object lesson that instills into the minds of the younger generations lessons of sacrifice and patriotism that are beneficial and lasting. Patriotic instructors and Department Aides-de-Camp will co-operate with the Post Commanders in making arrangements and assignments for services in the public schools.

By resolution of the National Encampment, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address will be read at Memorial services.

Reports of Post Chaplains will be forwarded to the Department Chaplain, immediately after the exercises of day, blanks for which will be forwarded.

Official: By Command of
FAYETTE WYCKOFF, **WILLIAM JIBB,**
Assistant Adjutant General. *Department Commander.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, May 14, 1908.

General Orders No. 8.

1. The date for holding the Thirtieth Annual Department Encampment, as announced in General Orders No. 6, current series, has been changed to one day later. The encampment will be in Detroit, Wednesday and Thursday, June 17 and 18th, in place of the 16th and 17th, as before announced. This change has been made to accommodate Commander-in-Chief C. G. Burton, who will be present on the evening of the 17th.

2. Headquarters at Lansing will close Saturday, June 13th, and will reopen in the Hotel Normandie, Detroit, Mich., Tuesday, June 16th, at 10 a. m.

3. The Executive Committee of the Council of Administration will meet at the Hotel Normandie at 10:30 a. m., Tuesday, June 16th, to audit the books of the Assistant Quartermaster General and the Assistant Adjutant General.

The Council of Administration will meet at Headquarters' room Tuesday, June 16th, at 3 p. m., for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it. Members of the Council will please take due notice.

4. The Ladies of the W. R. C. will hold a reception for National President Mrs. Kate E. Jones, and Department Commander William J. Jibb, and Staff, at the Hotel Cadillac, Tuesday evening, June 16th, from 8 to 10. All members of the G. A. R. and friends are invited to attend this reception.

5. The following comrades are hereby appointed as members of the Credential Committee:

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.

Charles G. Hampton, Post 384, Detroit.

H. A. Chapin, Post 31, Paw Paw.

Dan. J. Willson, Post 48, Jackson.

6. The Credential Committee will meet at the Hotel Normandie on Tuesday, June 16th, at 2:30 p. m., and will be in continuous session as near as may be until 10 p. m. On Wednesday, June 17th, they will meet at 7:30 a. m. and continue in session as long as may be necessary.

Delegates must apply in person and receive their badges.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17.

7. The encampment will open in the Light Infantry Armory on Congress street at 9:30 a. m. sharp. It is hoped every delegate will be in his place.

8. The annual parade will take place at 2 p. m., on Wednesday the 17th, the police of the city forming the escort, one hundred and fifty strong. It is expected that the local Posts and those in the near vicinity will take part as Post organizations. The line of march will be short. Gen. W. S. Green is chairman of the Parade Committee.

The citizens of Detroit are putting forth every effort to make our visit enjoyable. Let every comrade show his appreciation by participating in the parade.

9. The afternoon session of the encampment will be called immediately after the close of the parade.

CAMPFIRE.

10. The Campfire will be held in the Light Guard Armory (Auditorium), Wednesday, at 8 p. m. The local committee is preparing an entertaining program of speeches and music. Commander-in-Chief C. G. Burton and Mrs. Kate E. Jones, National President of the W. R. C., will speak.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18.

11. Encampment will assemble at 8:30 a. m. sharp.

12. At 2 p. m. on the 18th, the city will give the visiting delegates an excursion on Detroit river.

13. Comrade E. E. Thayer, of Post 17, is hereby detailed as Officer of the Day for the encampment. He will report to the Assistant Adjutant General for instructions.

The Commander of Post 433 is requested to detail a comrade to act as Officer of the Guard.

The Commanders of the following Posts will detail suitable comrades to act as guards during the encampment:

Post 17—2 guards.

Post 162—1 guard.

Post 363—1 guard.

Post 433—2 guards.

This detail will report for duty at the Light Infantry Armory at 8:30 a. m., June 17th, uniformed and equipped.

14. Hotel accommodations will be ample and at prices that will meet the needs of every comrade. For information as to accommodations write to Dr. Guy L. Kiefer, Detroit, chairman of Hotel Committee.

RAILROAD RATES.

15. The railroads of the lower peninsula have granted an excursion rate of one and two-thirds fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale going June 16th and 17th, limited to return June 19th. The D. & C. Navigation Co. have authorized a one fare round trip rate for the en-

campment from St. Ignace, Mackinac Island, Cheboygan, Alpena, Oscoda, Tawas City, Harbor Beach and Port Huron. Tickets good coming June 15th, returning June 19th.

16. Posts having resolutions to present to the encampment will make duplicate copies and forward one copy to the Assistant Adjutant General so that he may receive it not later than June 12th.

17. Copies of the Journal of the Forty-first National Encampment, held at Saratoga, can be had by sending to Col. J. Henry Holcomb, custodian G. A. R., Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., and enclosing twelve cents to pay postage on same.

REPORTS FOR FIRST TERM.

18. Blank forms A and B, for Adjutant and Quartermaster's reports, for the term ending June 30, 1908, also blank reports of Post Chaplains (Memorial Day) reports, will be sent to Post Adjutant in due time. Post Commanders are charged to see that these reports from their respective Posts are made out and forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the last meeting of the Post in June. A prompt compliance with this request will greatly facilitate the work at Department headquarters.

19. Post and comrades desiring further or particular information relative to the encampment will receive information by writing to Milton Carmichael, General Secretary, 412-413 Hammond Building, Detroit, Mich.

20. Post Chaplains will, without fail, forward their reports to Rev. William Putnam, Lansing, Mich. (addressed envelope sent), immediately after Memorial Day.

FLAG DAY.

The comrades of this Department are requested to observe Flag Day by a most generous display of our National emblem over their places of business and residences. As June 14th falls upon Sunday, and while your Commander feels there is no desecration of the Sabbath in the display of Old Glory, yet in deference to General Orders from the National Department it is requested that Saturday, June 13th, be observed as Flag Day.

It is with regret that the Department Commander announces the death of Past Junior Vice Department Commander Edward S. Jameson, who died at his home in Marine City, April 14, 1908, after a long illness.

Tried and true as a citizen. A loyal comrade and friend. As long as his health would permit he was a constant attendant at our encampments. He will be greatly missed at the gatherings of the Department.

By Command of
FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Assistant Adjutant General.

WILLIAM JIBB,
Department Commander.

NOTICE.

The First and Second regiments of the U. S. S. S., well known as "Berdans Sharpshooters," will hold a reunion in Toledo, Tuesday, Sept. 1, 1908, during the National encampment. Meetings will be held at Trinity Parish, where comrades will make headquarters during the week. For further information address Capt. Jas. H. Baker, Lansing, Mich.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, July 24, 1907.

Special Orders No. 1.

1. Circular Letter No. 2, from National Department accompany these Orders; as Michigan is within the limits of the Central Passenger Association, only the announcements made under that heading on pages 3, 4, and 5 will apply to this Department.

2. For the 41st National encampment to be held at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Sept. 9-14th, 1907, the official route as selected by the Department of Michigan, G. A. R., will be from Detroit via Wabash R. R. to Niagara Falls and Buffalo, from Buffalo on West Shore to Albany, and Delaware and Hudson to Saratoga Springs.

SPECIAL HEADQUARTERS TRAIN.

3. A special train will leave Grand Rapids on the P. M. R. R., Union Depot at 5:20 p. m., Saturday, Sept. 7th. This gives those along the line of the P. M. and G. R. & I. roads ample time to reach the train from the north portion of the State. Leave Detroit at 10:50 p. m. via Wabash R. R., arrive at Niagara Falls 6 a. m., where a stop of two hours will be made for breakfast and a view of the Falls. Leave the Falls at 8 a. m., arrive at Buffalo 8:50; leave Buffalo, via West Shore R. R., 9 a. m.; arrive at Syracuse 12:30 m. (thirty minutes for dinner); leave Syracuse 1 p. m., arrive at Albany 4:10, Saratoga 5:30 p. m., Sept. 8th. This gives a daylight ride through western New York and the beautiful Mohawk Valley.

This train will be under special charge of Mr. R. S. Greenwood, Michigan Passenger Agent Wabash R. R., Chicago, and Mr. E. A. Cousino, Traveling Passenger Agent West Shore R. R., who will accompany it to Saratoga, looking after our interests. Train will be provided with standard and tourist sleepers, fine day coaches and chair cars, running through solid without change.

RATES.

The following rates from principal points in Michigan to Saratoga Springs and return, for tickets reading same route going and returning, have been made. Proportionate rates from other points in the State:

Alpena	\$18 16	Holland	\$16 39
Alma	15 14	Howard City	16 42
Ann Arbor	14 61	Howell	14 30
Adrian	13 36	Ionia	15 36
Allegan	16 06	Jackson	14 11
Battle Creek	15 06	Kalamazoo	15 11
Bay City	14 14	Lansing	14 30
Belding	15 80	Ludington	16 40
Benton Harbor	16 71	Lake Odessa	15 28
Big Rapids	16 46	Marshall	14 75
Charlevoix	18 70	Muskegon	16 46
Charlotte	14 87	Mt. Pleasant	15 69
Cheboygan	18 54	Owosso	14 00
Detroit	13 25	Newaygo	16 46
Flint	13 31	Reed City	16 40
Grand Haven	16 46	Petoskey	18 70
Grand Rapids	16 06	Pentwater	17 82
Grand Jun'e	16 39	Port Huron	12 00
Grand Ledge	14 66	Saginaw	14 08
Greenville	15 85	St. Joseph	16 17
Hartford	16 45	St. Louis	15 14
Hastings	15 43	Traverse City	18 35
Hart	17 71	White Cloud	16 46
Hillsdale	14 03		

PERIOD OF SALE.

Tickets to be sold going only on September 6, 7 and 8.

SLEEPING CAR RATES.

Cost of double berth in standard sleeper (which will accommodate two) from Detroit to Saratoga \$3.50. Berths in tourists sleeper \$1.75. Reservations can be made through Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., G. A. R., Lansing, or A. F. Wolschlagel, P. and T. Agent Wabash R. R., No. 9, West Fort St., Detroit, Mich. Secure your reservations early; remember, "the first come the first served."

VARIABLE ROUTES.

Tickets can be purchased via variable routes, that is, going by one route and returning by another; including route via New York City, Boston and Norfolk. Those going to New York have choice of steamer on the Hudson river in one direction. Rates for tickets by variable routes can be obtained from your local ticket agent; date of sale and other conditions same as for tickets going and returning via same route.

JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION.

Those desiring to extend their trip to Jamestown Exposition can purchase tickets via variable routes as explained above or may buy regular Jamestown tickets with privilege of stopping at Albany, and returning via Washington, Pittsburg or Columbus.

RETURN LIMIT.

Return passage to commence not earlier than September 9th nor later than September 17th, 1907, unless extension of return limit is obtained. Tickets must be validated on same day you start to return and must be presented by the original purchaser.

By deposit of ticket by the original purchaser with the special agent at Saratoga Springs, not later than September 17th, and upon payment of \$1 for each ticket at the time of deposit, an extension of return limit may be secured to leave returning not later than October 6th, 1907. Name of special agent and location with other details will be announced later.

STOP-OVER PRIVILEGES.

At Niagara Falls, on the return journey, where ticket has been extended by special agent, will be allowed within the extended return limit, Oct. 6th, but not to exceed ten days. Stop-over at New York City will be allowed on tickets reading via New York, provided tickets have been validated by special agent at Saratoga Springs. In all cases of stop-over where allowed, the ticket must be deposited by the original purchaser in person with the station ticket agent of the rail line over which ticket reads, on arrival in the city, and may be returned to passenger not earlier than one hour before departure of train or steamer on which return trip will be made; return limit from N. Y. not later than October 6th, 1907.

SIDE TRIPS.

Holders of tickets issued for G. A. R. encampment, may purchase side trip tickets at Saratoga Springs as follows:

Side trip from Saratoga Springs to New York and return to Albany, \$5.00.

Side trip to Boston from Saratoga Springs and return to Albany or Troy \$5. Special rates to many points of local interest about Lakes George and Champlain, and also to Norfolk, and return. Persons availing themselves of these side trips will take their tickets with them to these points for deposit, tickets being first extended at Saratoga. Tickets good returning on regular service from New York or Boston direct to Buffalo and Detroit without change of cars. Tickets sold for this occasion will not be honored on Limited Trains run via such connecting lines as exclude excursion tickets from those trains.

Tickets to New York will be valid between Albany and New York in either direction on steamships of the Peoples' line (night line) or Hudson River, day line, except that where the passengers use the boat from New York to Albany they should present their rail tickets to the ticket agent at the steamer dock in New York City.

The Department Commander most earnestly invites all Department Officers, Aides, Delegates and Alternates, with comrades and their friends who contemplate going to the encampment to avail themselves of this opportunity, and the low rate offered, to accompany the Department on this special train. Let us all go together; let it be "Michigan, My Michigan," all the way. No changes until you arrive at destination. The Departments of the W. R. C. and the Ladies of the G. A. R. will accompany the Department on this special train. All our friends are most cordially invited to join with us; this is an exceptional opportunity for many to visit the old home and friends in "York State." Why not take advantage of it? We will make you welcome.

In purchasing tickets be sure and ask for ticket on headquarters train via Wabash, West Shore and Delaware and Hudson R. R.; should your ticket agent not be supplied with tickets over this route, purchase ticket and get exchange order on office in Detroit, and exchange same on arrival at Detroit.

The usual amount of baggage will be checked through, but each piece should be marked "G. A. R. Headquarters Special."

Tickets will be accepted on steamers plying on Lake Erie, for return passage, Buffalo to Detroit.

By Command of

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Assistant Adjutant General.

WILLIAM JIBB,

Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, April 20, 1908.

Special Order No. 2.

The attention of the Department Commander having been called to a circular letter sent out to the Posts of this Department by Huntley Russell, State Senator from the 17th district, in which is situated the Soldiers' Home. In this letter Mr. Russell unjustly attacks the management of the Home. Such statements tending to destroy discipline and create dissatisfaction among the inmates of the Home. To those acquainted with the management of the Home, this attack by Mr. Russell is unwarranted. The Department Commander heartily seconds the request of the Board of Managers in the resolutions adopted by them, and requests that no action by the Posts be taken, but that the matter be left for the action of the Department encampment to be held in Detroit, June 17 and 18, where all the facts can be presented and the matter freely discussed by the representatives of all the Posts. This will be in harmony with the resolutions passed by the 29th encampment at Bay City, when the same matter was being agitated in the State Legislature. The following resolutions were presented and adopted:

WHEREAS, Certain unfavorable comment has been made against the Soldiers' Home, and its management, by certain members of the legislature and whereas all the managers of that institution are comrades

who have the best interests of the old soldiers at heart, who know their wants and needs.

AND WHEREAS, We are informed that certain legislation is contemplated by the legislature which in our judgment would disrupt and embarrass the present very able management of the Home, destroy discipline and upset the present rules:

AND WHEREAS, The present very able committee on Soldiers' Home have examined said Home in all its details and have made to this encampment a very flattering report as to its conduct and management.

Therefore, Be it Resolved, That we believe that no legislation or change in the working of the Soldiers' Home should be taken without first consulting this Department through the Department Officers. We therefore advise that no legislation be made which will in the least disturb the present excellent management of the Soldiers' Home. We have the utmost confidence in its present management.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

The Board of Management is composed of veterans of the Civil War, of long experience in the management and affairs of the Home and who would exert every means in their power to see that all the inmates have equal and full justice.

The welfare of our Soldiers' Home is our first duty, and above all personal ambitions and feelings.

	By Command of	
FAYETTE WYCKOFF,	WILLIAM JIBB,	
<i>Assistant Adjutant General.</i>	<i>Department Commander.</i>	

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
ADRIAN, MICH., Sept. 25, 1907.

Circular Letter No 1.

Post Patriotic Instructor:

Comrade: It is with a deep sense of gratitude that I take up the work of Department Patriotic Instructor, although it was with some hesitation that I accepted the appointment. Not because of an unwillingness to serve my country, but lest the method pursued under the direction of one mind might not become too monotonous and less beneficial than if fresher thought should bring forth broader views and better energy to meet the requirements necessary for greater results.

The work that has been assigned to you as Post Patriotic Instructor is one of the most important and promising for good connected with our work as veterans. It will be of great benefit to the cause of which we are so justly proud, if you will take up this work with deep interest and energy, that grand results might be attained. It is the purpose to devote most of the time to encourage and promote a regular system of teaching patriotism among the youth, that love of country and reverence for the Flag shall have been so deeply impressed upon their young minds when they approach manhood they will become loyal citizens. We should inculcate in the minds and hearts of the young of

our land such patriotism and such right thinking and right acting as will bring results creditable to themselves and add to their country's glory.

See that the Flag floats over every school house in your district. What is more inspiring to the youth of our land than the Flag you helped to save? Keep it floating before the advancing youth who are to care for its honor and preserve its integrity. There is no more inspiring picture than a room full of children receiving from the hands of those who have earned the right to consider an almost personal ownership, our beautiful Flag, with its history and the stirring incidents of its life.

Department Commander William Jibb, desires that the Department of Michigan maintains a forward movement in swelling the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic. This is true patriotism. Kindly go to the veterans who are out of the Order and say to them they must no longer ignore the duty they owe to their comrades living and the memory of the comrades dead. No Union soldier or sailor of honorable record has a right to longer refuse to put on the little bronze button. I care not what may be his station in life, he owes to the comrades of the old line the devotion we so well know in this Order. Comrades, do valiant work in bringing into your Grand Order the Soldiers and Sailors who are not members residing within your district. It can be accomplished by a little effort on your part. Will you do your best?

Yours in F. C. and L.,

FRED J. BUCK,

Department Patriotic Instructor.

45 Broad Street, Adrian, Mich.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER,
ADRIAN, MICH., January 6, 1908.

Circular Letter 'No. 2.

Comrades: Believing it to be my duty, and esteeming it a privilege as well, as Commander of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, to labor for and zealously guard the interests of the comrades who, during the dark days of '61 to '65, when traitors were attempting the destruction of our beloved country, placed their service and their lives upon their country's altar, I address you this circular letter.

Having learned from the records of Congress now in session, that our loyal comrade, General I. P. Sherwood, representing the 9th Ohio district, and a resident of Toledo, has introduced a bill which provides for a more complete system of pensions than we have at present. I take this method of informing you as to its provisions, and bespeak for the measure your earnest thought and united action. This bill provides that every soldier who served at least eighteen months, and was honor-

ably discharged, or who was confined in a rebel prison, having been captured in battle or while in the line of duty, shall receive a pension of one dollar per day.

In my judgment this is the only bill ever introduced in Congress which proposes to do anything like justice to the Boys who endured the hardship, did the hard fighting and struck the blows that killed treason. Comrade Sherwood asks the support of the members of the Grand Army, in his efforts to have this bill enacted into a law.

While it is not within the province of your Department Commander to issue an order directing that you give to this measure your support. I most earnestly request and urge that every Post in this Department take action thereon at its first meeting after receiving this circular letter; and, by petition or resolution, urge upon our Senators in Congress, and the member of Congress from the district in which the Post is located, not only to vote for, but to use all legitimate means to aid in securing the passage of this bill; using the strongest terms at your command, in order that they may be impressed not only with the justice of the measure, but with the need of urgency.

WILLIAM JIBB,
Department Commander.

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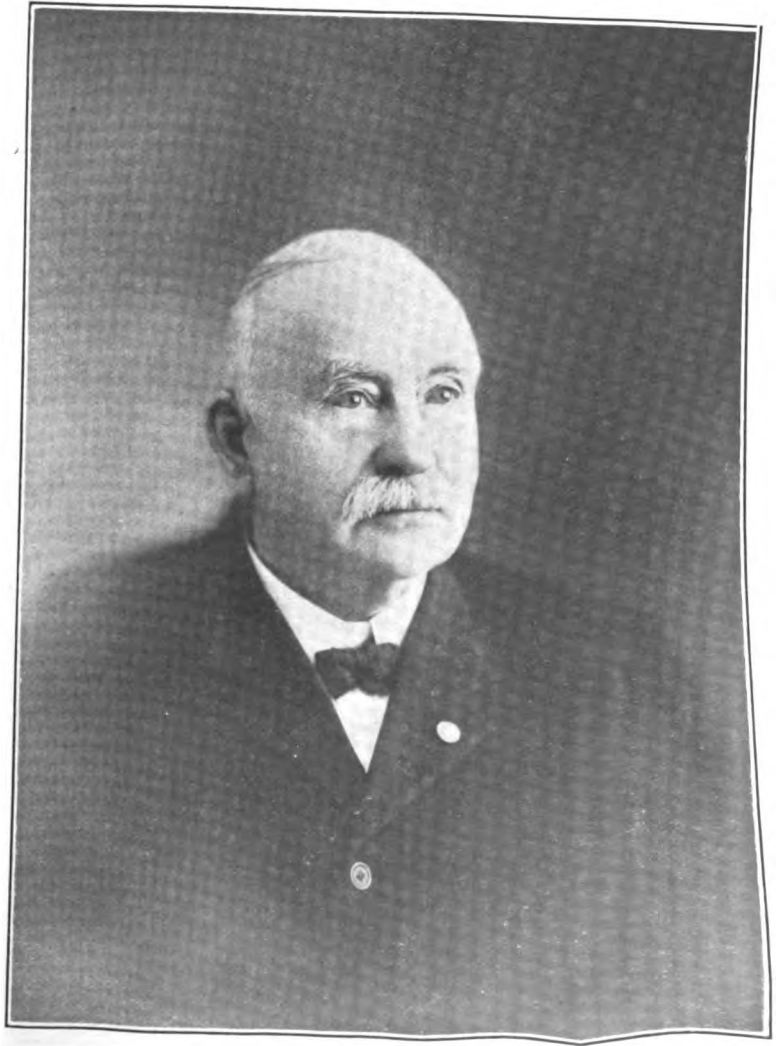
LANSING, JUNE 30, 1909.

HON. FRED M. WARNER, Governor of the State of Michigan:

Sir—I have the honor, in compliance with law, to transmit to you such portions of the transactions of the Grand Army of the Republic as have taken place in this Department during my administration as its Commander from June 24, 1908, to June 24, 1909, as I deem of interest to that organization and the people of the State of Michigan.

Respectfully yours in F. C. and L.,

GEO. L. HOLMES,
Department Commander.



C. E. FOOTE
Department Commander
Died June 5, 1909

OFFICERS ELECTED AT THE THIRTY-FIRST ENCAMP- MENT FOR YEARS 1909-1910.

Department Commander.....James M. Greenfield, Post 89, Flushing
 Senior Vice Department Commander.....Henry P. Shutt, Post 79, Kalamazoo
 Junior Vice Department Commander.....Albert Dunham, Post 48, Jackson
 Medical Director.....John C. Salmon, Post 252, Howard City
 Department Chaplain.....Rev. Wm. Putnam, Post 42, Lansing

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Henry A. Clute.....Post 166, Marshall
 O. Tomlinson.....Post 269, Plainwell
 Geo. Raab.....Post 145, Flint
 M. D. Richardson.....Post 365, Lake City
 D. C. Spears.....Post 10, Dundee

STAFF OFFICERS

Assistant Adjutant General.....Fayette Wyckoff, Lansing
 Assistant Quartermaster General.....Wm. B. Bostock, Grand Rapids
 Judge Advocate.....Samuel W. Burroughs, Detroit
 Chief Mustering Officer.....D. K. Halsey, Saginaw
 Patriotic Instructor.....M. C. Barney, Flint
 Department Inspector.....Chas. Hamilton, Bronson
 Chief of Staff.....L. H. Ives, Mason
 Senior Aide.....John W. Burns, Port Huron

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 J. J. Holmes.....Post 111, Eaton Rapids
 Geo. A. B. Cook.....Post 72, Three Rivers
 Robert Finch.....Post 5, Grand Rapids
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 R. C. Norris.....Post 461, Cadillac
 J. G. Berry.....Post 263, Vanderbilt
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 Ira Carley.....Post 300, Engles
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 A. L. Bryant.....Post 255, Mayville
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 Hope Welch.....Post 45, Adrian
 H. A. Chapin.....Post 31, Paw Paw
 W. H. Beasley.....Post 101, Ithaca
 Griffin Lewis.....Post 67, Bay City

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Geo. H. Maxwell.....	Post 17, Royal Oak
Matt Burt.....	Post 110, Hudson
Henry Gilbert.....	Post 210, Albion
Wm. E. Dunn.....	Post 46, Ganges
Wm. Bomartel.....	Post 262, Holland
Frank W. Thayer.....	Post 197, Holly
David R. Lang.....	Post 144, Lapeer
Riley L. Jones.....	Post 38, Saginaw
G. W. Wheeler.....	Post 461, Boon
Wm. Barrett.....	Post 378, West Bay City
James Donaldson.....	Post 101, Ithaca
P. C. Beanston.....	Post 300, Marquette
James Armstrong.....	Post 89, Flushing
R. M. Ballenger.....	Post 32, Battle Creek
D. C. Spears.....	Post 10, Azalia
William A. Baker.....	Post 364, Coleman
O. F. Kaywood.....	Post 48, Jackson
William Wells.....	Post 286, Fife Lake
Wm. Walter.....	Post 101, Ithaca
H. H. Collins.....	Post 120, Howell

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

The Thirty-first Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan G. A. R., held at Kalamazoo, Mich., June 22-24, 1909, was an event long to be remembered by all who participated; a sadness was cast over the proceedings of the encampment by the unexpected death of Department Commander Chas. E. Foote, which occurred at his home in Kalamazoo, June 5, 1909. A little more than two weeks before the assembling of the encampment.

The success of the encampment was due to the untiring effort of commander Foote who had given much of his time in planing and arranging the details of the encampment, assisted by many of the prominent citizens of Kalamazoo, notably the members of the Auxiliary Association and the Commercial Club. That Commander Foote was not spared to see the fruition of his labors only an all-wise Providence can tell.

The work of the local committees was not abated. The son of Commander Foote, George E. Foote took up the detail work where his father had left it with dutiful zeal. The encampment was the largest for years and the enthusiasm of the comrades unbounded. Many interesting events engaged the attention of the comrades from morn till night. The illness of Commander-in-Chief Henry M. Nevius prevented his being present but his place was well and acceptably filled by his representative, Ex-Gov. Samuel R. Van Sant of Minneapolis.

Senior Vice Department Commander George L. Holmes succeeded to the Command of the Department and successfully completed the term and the work of Comrade Foote.

Among the many interesting features of the encampment, we may mention the presence of the old Battle Flags carried by the Michigan regiments during the great struggle. This was probably the last time the torn and war scared flags will appear in a G. A. R. parade.

A new inovation was a camp-fire especially for the school children, (adults being excluded). This camp-fire was the suggestion of Department Patriotic Instructor M. C. Barney, and under the inspiring leadership of Col. James E. White as chairman, was a pronounced success. The opera house was crowded to its capacity and not a pupil but what gave his or her most earnest attention to all that was said and done.

PARADE.

The Parade was probably the most interesting event of the encampment in which thousands of the comrades participated. The parade was under the command of Comrade W. P. Shutt, chief of staff, most ably assisted by Comrade Aaron Miller as chief aide.

The presence of two battalions of cavalry and one company of Michigan National Guards, acting as escort to Major General Fred Grant and Gov. Warner and staff. Then followed the old battle flags borne by comrades of Chas. T. Foster Post No. 42 of Lansing, with many of the old color bearers assisting. These were greeted with cheers and tears as they were borne through the streets.

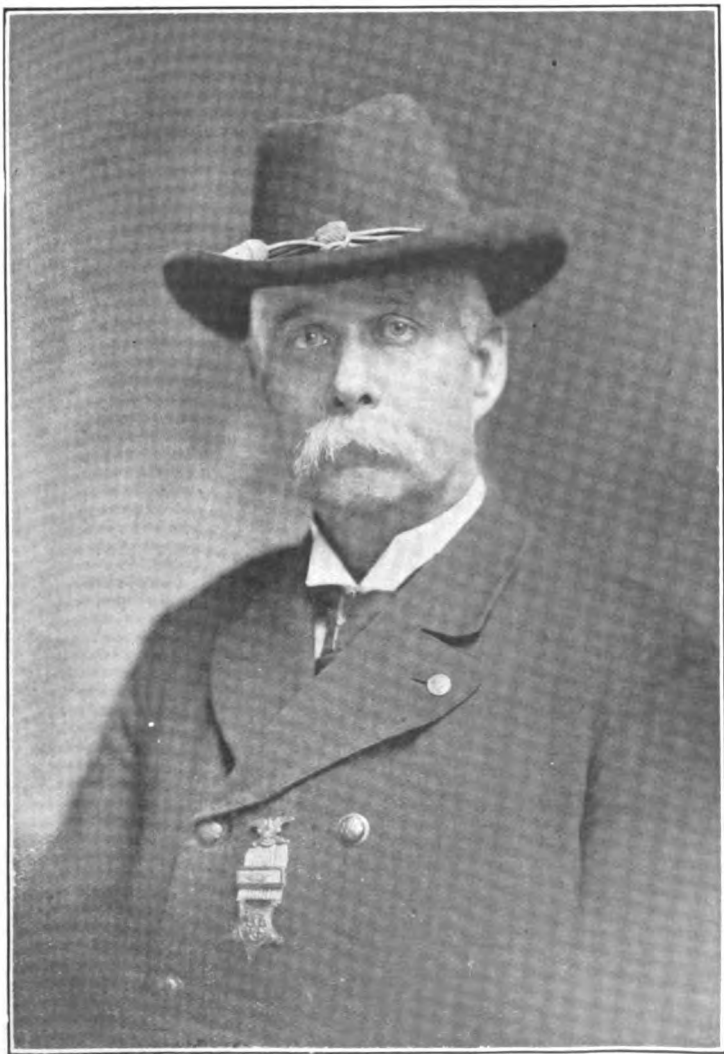
The marching "Living Flag" composed of eight hundred school children in charge of S. O. Hartwell, superintendent of schools, ably assisted by an efficient corps of teachers, brought forth the unbounded cheers of the old comrades and the thousands of spectators who thronged the streets. The Veteran Drum Corps, composed exclusively of civil war veterans was in evidence everywhere, there being seventy present, and wherever they appeared created the greatest enthusiasm.

The reception tendered Gen. Grant and Gov. Warner at the close of the parade was a most notable event, many of the comrades had fought under his father's command and all had a warm spot in their hearts for the son of so worthy a sire.

The camp-fires on Wednesday evening were of such enthusiastic nature as to keep all interested to the close. There were two camp-fires and the large halls were crowded to overflowing. Col. O. A. Janes presided at the opera house and Hon. Washington Gardner at the Assembly Hall. Among the speakers were ex-Gov. Van Sant of Minnesota, Gen. Fred Grant of Chicago, Gov. Fred M. Warner, Comrades James H. Kidd, Edward P. Allen and others.

Too much praise cannot be given to the patriotic and public spirited citizens of Kalamazoo for the unexcelled manner in which they entertained this the Thirty-first Department Encampment.

Through the kindness and efforts of Assistant Adjutant General, J. N. Cox of the National Guards, this encampment was favored with the presence of two battalions of cavalry equipped for active service and one company of infantry, heretofore mentioned, which added much to the interest of the occasion, here is hoping they will favor us with their presence at the next encampment.



GEO. L. HOLMES
Department Commander
Succeeding Commander
C. E. FOOTE

ROLL OF THE THIRTY-FIRST ENCAMPMENT.

Comrades whose names are preceded by an asterisk thus () were present.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

†Geo. L. Holmes, Detroit	-	-	-	-	-	-	Department Commander
*Jay J. Drake, St. Joseph	-	-	-	-	-	-	Senior Vice Department Commander
*Geo. W. Wheeler, Boon	-	-	-	-	-	-	Junior Vice Department Commander
*John C. Salmon, Howard City	-	-	-	-	-	-	Medical Director
*Rev. Win. Putnam, Lansing	-	-	-	-	-	-	Department Chaplain

NOTE.—Department Commander Chas. E. Foote died June 5, 1909. He was succeeded in office by Senior Vice Department Commander Geo. L. Holmes. Jay J. Drake, Junior Vice Department Commander, succeeded to the office of Senior Vice Department Commander. The *Council of Administration* elected Comrade Geo. W. Wheeler, of Boon, Junior Vice Department Commander to fill vacancy.

OFFICIAL STAFF.

*Fayette Wyckoff, Lansing	-	-	-	-	-	-	Assistant Adjutant General
*James E. White, Kalamazoo	-	-	-	-	-	-	Assistant Quartermaster General
*R. R. Pealer, Three Rivers	-	-	-	-	-	-	Judge Advocate
*Jos. O. Bellaire, Grand Rapids	-	-	-	-	-	-	Department Inspector
*James M. Greenfield, Flushing	-	-	-	-	-	-	Chief Mustering Officer
*M. C. Barney, Flint	-	-	-	-	-	-	Department Patriotic Instructor
*Henry P. Shutt, Kalamazoo	-	-	-	-	-	-	Chief of Staff
*Aaron Miller, Kalamazoo	-	-	-	-	-	-	Senior Aide-de Camp

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

*M. D. Richardson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Lake City
*Geo. Raab	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Flint
*W. W. Cook	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Lansing
*D. C. Spears	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Dundee
*H. A. Clute	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Marshall

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Russell A. Alger, deceased	.....	Detroit, 1868
William Humphrey, deceased	.....	Adrian, 1870
*C. V. R. Pond	.....	Lansing, 1878-9
A. T. Reynolds, deceased	.....	Grand Rapids, 1880
*Byron R. Pierce	.....	Grand Rapids, 1881-2
*Oscar A. Janes	.....	Detroit, 1883
Rush J. Shank, deceased	.....	Lansing, 1884
Charles D. Long, deceased	.....	Lansing, 1885
*John Northwood	.....	New Lathrop, 1886
L. G. Rutherford, deceased	.....	Hart, 1887
*Washington Gardner	.....	Albion, 1888
Michael Brown	.....	Big Rapids, 1889
*Henry M. Duffield	.....	Detroit, 1890

† Filled vacancy came by death of Commander Chas. E. Foote.

Chas. L. Eaton, deceased.....	Paw Paw, 1891
*Henry S. Dean.....	Ann Arbor, 1892-3
*James H. Kidd.....	Ionia, 1893-4
*Louis Kanitz.....	Muskegon, 1894-5
S. B. Daboll.....	St. Johns, 1895-6
Wm. Shakespeare, deceased.....	Kalamazoo, 1896-7
Aaron T. Bliss, deceased.....	Saginaw, 1897-8
Alex. L. Patrick, deceased.....	Detroit, 1898-9
*Russell R. Pealer.....	Three Rivers, 1899-1900
Ethel M. Allen.....	Portland, 1900-1
*James Van Kleeck.....	Bay City, 1901-2
*Edward C. Anthony.....	Negaunee, 1902-3
*D. B. K. Van Raalte.....	Holland, 1903-4
Geo. H. Hopkins, deceased.....	Detroit, 1904-5
*E. C. Cannon.....	Evart, 1905-6
*Joseph B. Griswold.....	Grand Rapids, 1906-7
*Wm. Jibb.....	Adrian, 1907-8
†Chas. E. Foote, deceased.....	Kalamazoo, 1908-9

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

H. M. Bigelow.....	Montague, 1878-9
	No record 1880
	No record 1881
G. R. Wright.....	Benton Harbor, 1882-3
M. A. Merrifield, (Deceased).....	Union City 1884
Geo. L. Fisher.....	Fowlerville, 1885
S. A. Hosmer.....	1886
W. W. Cook.....	Leslie, 1887
True Hart.....	Midland, 1888
Wm. H. Russell.....	Clio, 1889
E. L. Negus.....	Chelsea, 1890
C. L. Brundage, (Deceased).....	Muskegon, 1891
Jas. A. Crozer.....	Menominee, 1892
L. M. Ward.....	Benton Harbor, 1893
Herman C. Frieseke.....	Owosso, 1894
Norm. G. Cooper.....	Sturgis, 1895
Lucian W. Lyon.....	Saginaw, 1896
L. W. Sprague.....	Greenville, 1897
Moses F. Carlton.....	Port Huron, 1898
J. C. Bontecon, (Deceased).....	Petoskey, 1900
Theo. C. Putnam.....	Grand Rapids, 1901
M. C. Barney.....	Flint, 1902
L. D. Van Kleeck.....	Pontiac, 1903
S. A. Aldrich.....	Muskegon, 1904
John J. Cornwill.....	Battle Creek, 1905
M. D. Morgan.....	Traverse City, 1906
Riley L. Jones.....	Saginaw, 1907
Edward B. Nugent.....	Bay City, 1908
*Jay J. Drake.....	St. Joseph, 1909

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

S. B. Kitchell.....	Coldwater, 1878
W. A. Palmer.....	Grand Rapids, 1879
	No record 1880
Dallas Johnson.....	Montague, 1881
O. A. Janes.....	Hillsdale, 1882
J. M. Keller.....	Saginaw, 1883
M. H. Bumphrey.....	Three Rivers, 1884
H. F. Higgins.....	Petoskey, 1885
August Goebel.....	Detroit, 1886
Thos. H. Williams.....	Jackson, 1887
Loren Roberts.....	Traverse City, 1888

†Died during term of office.

Geo. W. Stone.....	Harrison, 1889
William Jibb.....	Adrian, 1890
Wm. H. Marston.....	Grand Rapids, 1891
Thomas M. Wiley.....	Owosso, 1892
E. C. Anthony.....	Negaunee, 1893
James M. Greenfield.....	Flushing, 1894
Oscar Palmer.....	Grayling, 1895
Jas. O. Bellaire.....	Grand Rapids, 1896
Ren Barker.....	Reed City, 1897
D. C. Spears.....	Azalia, 1898
S. H. Mallery.....	Lake Odessa, 1900
Sam. H. Lawrane.....	Wyandotte, 1901
H. H. Backus.....	Detroit, 1902
M. D. Richardson.....	Lake City, 1903
E. S. Jameson.....	Marine City, 1904
Dan J. Willson.....	Jackson, 1905
S. M. Kent.....	Grand Rapids, 1906
O. Palmer.....	Grayling, 1907
Henry Spaulding.....	Hartford, 1908
*Geo. W. Wheeler.....	Boon, 1909

*To fill vacancy.

MEMBERS OF THIRTY-FIRST ENCAMPMENT—Continued.

Comrades whose names are preceded by an asterisk thus () were present

JOHN A. LOGAN POST NO. 1, SOLDIERS' HOME.

Chartered December 9, 1887.

Membership 41.

*Commander, Elnathan George.

Delegate.

*Judson Palmer.

Alternate.

Chas. F. Giradin.

Past Commanders.

W. W. Fowle.

John Heeny.

*O. W. Hodges.

James Wood.

*Roda O'Mara.

C. O. LOOMIS POST NO. 2, QUINCY.

Chartered January 22, 1876.

Membership 58.

*Commander, Chas. F. Potter.

Delegate.

C. W. Lake.

Alternate.

K. B. Etheridge.

Past Commanders.

Wm. G. Whitney.

A. J. Warner.

E. T. Hoyt.

O. D. Curtis.

K. B. Etheridge.

*L. D. Reynolds.

*C. V. R. Pond.

E. C. Chase.

A. F. Turpening.

D. H. Wood.

Wm. H. Thurber.

Wm. Wimer.

C. D. Skinner.

N. H. FERRY POST NO. 3, WHITEHALL.

Chartered May 27, 1877.

Membership 34.

*Commander, John C. Dean.

Delegate.

*Eli M. Ruggles.

Alternate.

Robert Nesbit.

Past Commanders.

John C. Dean.

James Dellabaugh.

Frederick Norman.

Dallis Johnson.

Allen F. Casselman.

*Francis Hiscutt.

Girard A. Whitbeck.

*Chas. H. Smith.

PHIL SHERIDAN POST NO. 4, READING.

Chartered June 12, 1878.

Membership 20.

Commander, H. H. Weaver.

Delegates.

R. D. Lane.

Alternate.

Gabriel See.

Past Commanders.

Zeladee Culver.

CUSTER POST NO. 5, GRAND RAPIDS.

Chartered September 27, 1878.

Membership 170.

*Commander, Robert Finch.

Delegates.

*Francis La Lone.

Alternates.

*E. J. Horton

A. K. Conklin.

*Wm. Moerdyk.

T. J. Odell.

Jno. Barrett.

Past Commanders.

*Byron R. Pierce.
 *Wm. D. Frost.
 Chas. P. Coffin.
 *Jos. O. Bellaire.
 *W. B. Bostock.
 C. W. Depple.
 *G. H. Chappel.
 J. S. A. Verdier.
 *Jos. B. Griswold.
 E. P. Everett.
 *Allen C. Adsit.
 J. W. McCrath.

John Schmidt.
 E. H. Cummings.
 G. B. Schwab.
 Solon W. Baxter.
 Theo. C. Putnam.
 *Jas. R. Stephenson.
 *Chas. S. Smith.
 L. C. Read.
 Thomas Peacock.
 *G. H. Sherman.
 E. B. Taylor.

C. V. DICKERSON POST NO. 6, HILLSDALE.

Chartered February 26, 1879.

Membership 58.

Commander, Nelson R. Masters.

Delegate.

L. B. Wolcott.

Alternate.

*B. Dirtrich.

Past Commanders.

F. K. Proctor.
 Geo. E. Porter.
 D. F. Austin.
 J. M. Fink.
 W. M. Taylor.
 Nathan J. Randall.

C. H. Fairbanks.
 O. Hancock.
 Mark W. Taylor.
 O. C. Nash.
 A. F. Thomas.
 A. Riker.

PHIL KEARNEY POST NO. 7, MUSKEGON.

Chartered July 31, 1879.

Membership 108.

Commander, John W. Sprague.

Delegates.

*Alexander Eckerman.
 *Porter P. Wisner.

Alternates.

Chas. P. Rose.
 W. H. Ashley.

Past Commanders.

William R. Jones.
 *John Sturgeon.
 Wm. Reynolds.
 *William H. Wiselogel.
 Chas. B. Mann.
 James Dean.
 *S. A. Aldrich.
 *Chas. Miller.
 *C. P. Rose.

John R. Bennett.
 *Howard C. Bond.
 *Henry G. Bigelow.
 *Louis Kanitz.
 *John W. Eddy.
 *John G. Allport.
 E. P. Watson.
 August Flint.
 Horace Lovejoy.

CHAS. H. TOWNE POST NO. 8, ISHPeming.

Chartered September 17, 1889.

Membership 20.

Commander, John Scott.

Delegate.

James B. Wilbur.

Alternate.

Thos. D. Nelson.

Past Commanders.

O. B. Robinson.

Francis V. Sauer.

JOHN A. DIX POST NO. 9, HESPERIA.

Chartered September 12, 1879.

Membership 36.

Commander, Richard Gaskill.

Delegate.

Harmon Smith.

Alternate.

*A. L. Cobb.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Past Commanders.

Chas. Robbins.
A. H. Deitz.
Chas. Wilber.
*A. S. Muliken.
W. I. Bulson.

W. H. Potter.
C. R. Reynolds.
John Hamblin.
H. E. Waterman.

WILLIAM BELL POST NO. 10, DUNDEE.

Chartered October 16, 1879.

Membership 64.

Commander, Francis H. Miller.

Delegate.

Truman Gee.

Alternate.

H. T. Hecock.

Past Commanders.

*D. C. Spears.
R. B. Davis.
*Wm. Laffin.
H. T. Roach.
*Geo. W. Hurd.
Horace Pulver.
*James Knowles.

Joseph S. Hilton.
M. V. Fox.
Geo. W. Jackson.
H. C. Spaulding.
N. Newell.
Stephen Rawson.
Chas. M. Duston.

ROBERT'S POST NO. 11, BANCROFT.

Chartered March 16, 1880.

Membership 18.

Commander, R. Gorton.

Delegate.

Geo. Pearsoll.

Alternate.

L. Brigham.

Past Commanders.

W. W. Hunt.
H. H. Williams.
J. H. Lyman.

H. P. Wimble.
C. F. Cole.
E. J. Ewing.

BYDER POST NO. 12, DEERFIELD.

Chartered April 9, 1880.

Membership 28.

Commander, E. E. Burnham.

Delegate.

Gilbert Akley.

Alternate.

F. J. Pettée.

Past Commanders.

Byron Stanbry.
N. A. McQuarie.
Morrice Long.
Richard Tappan.

William Rusling.
M. H. Kellogg.
S. T. McNair.
Oscar Bliss.

I. B. RICHARDSON POST NO. 13, HARBOR SPRINGS.

Chartered May 11, 1880.

Membership 33.

Commander, Fred F. Main.

Delegate.

*Nicholas Therry.

Alternate.

Chas. Tanner.

Past Commanders.

Charles E. Judd.
Geo. W. Dickinson.
Stephen Manchester.
Geo. O. Richardson.
Wm. H. Lee.
Fred F. Main.

Eri D. Babcock.
Chas. C. Newkirk.
Lorenzo A. Clark.
Jos. N. Bradley.
Horace Eastman.
Chas. Tanner.

GEO. H. THOMAS POST NO. 14, BENTON HARBOR.

Chartered May 24, 1880.

Membership 91.

*Commander, A. H. Rowe.

Delegates.

*O. J. Bradley.
Geo. W. Price.

Alternates.

A. B. Howes.
Chas. Godfrey.

Past Commanders.

L. M. Ward.	W. F. Kimball.
*L. Hemingway.	John Clark.
Henry Skelley.	M. J. Vincent.
*Chas. A. Warner.	*A. A. Covell.
*John Seel.	S. B. Kimball.
A. H. Rowe.	*Ira A. Rice.

PAP WILLIAMS POST NO. 15, LUDINGTON.

Chartered May 26, 1880.

Membership 48.

Commander, C. G. Wing.

Delegate.

Theron Dewitt.

Alternate.

John E. Smith.

Past Commanders.

Wm. G. Hudson.	A. C. Hawley.
H. C. Ransom.	G. M. Chase.
J. E. Smith.	S. H. Gleason.
J. Shackelton.	Pelig Ewing.
Wm. H. Kimball.	H. B. Smith.
M. Brayman.	R. P. Bishop.
*F. J. Dowland.	*R. B. Patterson.

SEDWICK POST NO. 16, EVART.

Chartered August 24, 1880.

Membership 40.

Commander, Charles Coppins.

Delegate.

W. H. Vroman.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Orin Button.	W. J. Manley.
Ed. Cox.	A. A. Smith.
G. W. Gardner.	Chas. Coppins.
W. S. Lewis.	J. R. Foster.
*S. E. Skutt.	H. S. Keath.
O. M. Bush.	*Jos. H. Powell.
*E. C. Cannon.	D. E. Wait.
S. E. Kerby.	Jos. H. Foster.
*Dan'l Farrington.	William Rogers.

FAIRBANKS POST NO. 17, DETROIT.

Chartered May 9, 1881.

Membership 319.

*Commander, John L. Wild.

Delegates.

Harland R. Strong.
 Sam B. Dixon.
 Chas. A. Bartlett.
 L. J. Downey.
 *Henry Altfelts.
 W. Miles Stevens.

Alternates.

*Robert McKinstry.
 Wm. F. Lyons.
 *E. Muffat.
 *C. B. Randolph.
 Fred R. Bruner.
 Richard R. Williams.

Past Commanders.

E. O. Durfee.	*D. G. Crotty.
W. P. Sumner.	*A. L. Sawyer.
*Wm. Davey.	*M. Green.
W. Hart.	*Carl Engle.
H. B. Eggman.	M. P. Thatcher.
*G. L. Holmes.	J. Renton.
*A. V. Phister.	*J. Reid.
*C. K. Radcliff.	J. T. Spillane.
J. Gill.	J. A. Lane.
B. R. Finlayson.	*C. J. Pierce.
T. Davey.	A. C. Blair.
W. C. Claxton.	C. W. Yates.
D. S. Kimball.	Edward E. Thayer.
E. F. Lamb.	H. B. White.
O. D. Kingsley.	

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

M'PHERSON POST NO. 18, TRAVERSE CITY.

Chartered May 21, 1881.

Membership 71.

Commander, Walter W. Dean.

*Delegates.**Wm. Core.
G. A. Stearns.*Alternates.**Frank Colby.
L. K. Cleveland.*Past Commanders.*M. D. Morgan.
C. S. Vader.
D. G. Shorter.
F. D. Marvin.
W. W. Sackett.
J. W. Hilliker.Levi Soule.
O. P. Carver.
L. W. Lyon.
Chas. H. Johnson.
A. J. McHenry.**A. LINCOLN POST NO. 19, BANGOR.**

Chartered May 20, 1881.

Membership 58.

*Commander, J. G. Tood.

Delegate.

*W. L. Zook.

Alternate.

W. H. Ashley.

*Past Commanders.*C. C. Phillips.
*Thomas Horton.
*B. M. Merriman.
J. G. Todd.
Alvin Chapman.*O. A. Reynolds.
A. M. Harrison.
A. M. Harvey.
D. W. Hall.
C. H. Schermerhorn.**ELLSWORTH POST NO. 20, HARTFORD.**

Chartered June 20, 1881.

Membership 41.

Commander, Chas. H. Mather.

Delegate.

*John Carter.

Alternate.

Wm. N. Worth.

*Past Commanders.**Henry Spaulding.
*Eber Hart.
William Bennett.
A. P. Shaw.
*R. G. Burlingame.
*Wm. N. Worth.*H. L. Stratton.
Allen Olds.
*Daniel Pool.
John S. Heald.
W. A. Palmer.**A. W. CHAPMAN POST NO. 21, ST. JOSEPH.**

Chartered July 18, 1881.

Membership 57.

*Commander, W. A. Preston.

Delegate.

R. F. Stratton.

Alternate.

*James Nassow.

*Past Commanders.**J. J. Drake.
*Chas. Moulton.
Frank Morlock.
*J. E. L. Miller.
*W. A. Preston.*John Lane.
*Albert S. Roe.
Milo Clock.
*I. J. Merchant.
Fred Minners.**WILLIAM PERROTT POST NO. 22, BUCHANAN.**

Chartered July 11, 1881.

Membership 24.

Commander, Chas. E. Sabin.

Delegate.

*John S. Curtis.

Alternate.

John F. Peck.

*Past Commanders.**M. B. Gardner.
*John W. Beistle.
John Perrott.
*O. F. Richmond.
Steve Scott.
*Theo. W. Thomas.
H. A. Richardson.*W. P. Wood.
John E. Barmore.
*I. N. Bachelor.
John Graham.
John Shook.
John C. Dick.
Chas. Snyder.

EDWIN COLWELL POST NO. 23, BLOOMINGDALE.

Chartered August 29, 1881.

Membership 13.

Commander, James McDowell.

Delegate.

*J. E. Culver.

Alternate.

C. B. Clark.

Past Commanders.

*James McDowell.
 Stephen Martin.
 Frank Cooley.
 *G. W. Lewis.

*J. N. Edwards.
 Geo. Wilson.
 J. T. Robinson.

COL. FENTON POST NO. 24, FENTON.

Chartered August 19, 1881.

Membership 57.

Commander, S. K. Freeman.

Delegate.

Ira C. Ford.

Alternate.

E. H. Slocum.

Past Commanders.

L. V. Curry.
 A. H. Marsh.
 J. M. Ripley.
 E. Winters.

V. C. Smith.
 William Butcher.
 Chas. W. Sadden.

DAVID BECKER POST NO. 25, OGDEN CENTER.

Chartered August 20, 1881.

Membership 40.

Commander, John W. Heckert.

Delegate.

W. H. Henricks.

Alternate.

David Piper.

Past Commanders.

J. F. Wotring.
 G. W. Scott.
 *L. E. Fry.
 C. T. Cheney.
 Amos Wilt.
 C. L. Blake.
 J. M. Robb.
 Geo. W. Wilt.

Robt. Service.
 Geo. W. Dickerson.
 A. J. Hodges.
 G. W. Hecket.
 William Emmons.
 A. S. Beardsley.
 W. C. B. Smith.
 A. A. Barnes.

JOE HOOKER POST NO. 26, HART.

Chartered August 16, 1881.

Membership 57.

Commander, Jas. H. Slater.

Delegate.

*Jesse Miller.

Alternate.

D. L. Kelley.

Past Commanders.

J. A. Collier.
 Casper Rechter.
 H. A. Waldron.
 J. H. Slater.
 Wm. Flosy.
 S. D. Young
 *Jasper G. Price.

Geo. F. Dennison.
 B. F. Archer.
 W. J. McRae.
 J. W. Montgomery.
 P. Caster.
 Alex. Fletcher.

BUENSIDE POST NO. 27, DECATUR.

Chartered September 19, 1881.

Membership 38.

*Commander, R. Colbetzor.

Delegate.

*O. M. Pritchard.

Alternate.

G. B. Mead.

Past Commanders.

*G. W. Lusk.
 *W. H. White.
 R. Colbetzor.
 *S. M. Rawson.

L. D. Roberts.
 C. W. Willson.
 H. B. Myers.
 *J. H. Van Camp.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

A. L. CARVER POST NO. 28, HEMLOCK.

Chartered August 2, 1894.

Membership 20.

Delegate.

Fred Ediker.

Commander, Jedd Bennett.

Alternate.

A. Whitmore.

Past Commanders.

T. M. Champlin.

*Calvin Sylvester.

Charles Burnham.

Jedd Bennett.

A. T. Cooper.

J. D. Smith.

CHAMPLIN POST NO. 29, GRAND RAPIDS.

Chartered September 9, 1881.

Membership 42.

Delegate.

Commander, Wm. H. Stokes.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

*Eber Rice.

Hiram Madden.

Samuel White.

*Alvin D. Porter.

E. F. Covell.

GARFIELD POST NO. 30, COLOMA.

Chartered October 10, 1881.

Membership 16.

Delegate.

Commander, W. A. Baker.

Alternate.

*P. O. Bowe.

Chester Chorplening.

Past Commanders.

W. A. Baker.

J. A. Brown.

*L. Clark.

*Geo. W. Garrett.

*A. Newton.

*N. Wood.

A. S. McCuen.

BROADHEAD POST NO. 31, PAW PAW.

Chartered October 21, 1881.

Membership 43.

Delegate.

*Commander, W. R. Serrine.

Alternate.

*O. A. Rice.

A. J. Romdy.

Past Commanders.

*H. A. Chapin.

*B. F. Heckert.

*J. F. Bullard.

*Daniel Spicer.

*O. W. Rowland.

*John Reed.

*Ira W. Hulbert.

A. C. Warner.

*Barney O'Dell.

A. DeHaven.

FABERGUT POST NO. 32, BATTLE CREEK.

Chartered November 31 1881.

Membership 90.

Delegates.

*Commander, Lewis Flint.

Alternates.

Steven Cooper.

W. B. Duffey.

*Geo. M. Knowles.

John Easey.

Past Commanders.

*A. W. Alvord.

*R. M. Bellinger.

*A. Griswold.

S. S. French.

*J. W. Taylor.

*G. M. Hodges.

*Wm. A. Vickery.

*A. B. Simpson.

J. G. Bohnett.

R. J. Kelley.

*S. M. Holton.

*W. R. Wickham.

Austin S. Parker.

*Chas. H. Browning.

J. J. Cornwell.

*E. Cunningham.

Wm. Dowsett.

*H. B. Hayes.

C. J. Shoemaker.

COL. MYRON BAKER POST NO. 33, MORENCI.

Chartered December 29, 1881.

Membership 36.

Commander, Wm. H. Chappell.

Delegate.

John Sheffield.

Alternate.

L. W. Chapin.

Past Commanders.

U. Smith.

Fred Denson.

Oliver J. Converse.

Roswell R. Walker.

*James N. Chappell.

Fred B. Sheffield.

Wm. Onweller.

W. G. EATON POST NO. 34, OTSEGO.

Chartered November 10, 1881.

Membership 28.

Commander, Oliver Wise.

Delegate.

*John R. Bice.

Alternate.

H. J. Knowles.

Past Commanders.

John D. Kelley.

David Y. Cook.

*Geo. W. Taylor.

Oliver Wise.

*James Roff.

ZACH. CHANDLER POST NO. 35, SOUTH HAVEN.

Chartered November 30, 1881.

Membership 87.

*Commander, G. L. Green.

Delegates.

*W. T. Piper.

*R. F. Dean.

Alternates.

A. Hannis.

J. Chapman.

Past Commanders.

*T. Biddle.

Herrick Hodges.

L. K. Jillson.

*J. S. Donahue.

*W. S. Bradley.

H. W. Hillyard.

A. W. Earle.

*J. S. Hicks.

Geo. O. Chapman.

*A. H. Cook.

*H. J. Dodge.

*James Martin.

C. A. Butterfield.

*Geo. W. Watkins.

GEORGE L. MEAD POST NO. 36, BERRIEN CENTER.

Chartered December 29, 1881.

Membership 8.

Commander, B. H. Rutter.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

*B. H. Rutter.

M. J. Nelson.

*S. L. Snaveley.

*P. E. O'Brien.

M. A. Hand.

J. K. P. McCullough.

J. H. Booth.

STANTON POST NO. 37, STANTON.

Chartered November 30, 1881.

Membership 28.

*Commander, J. A. Crocker.

Delegate.

Wm. Roller.

Alternate.

A. J. Capen.

Past Commanders.

H. H. Hinds.

J. A. Crocker.

J. T. Pickard.

T. M. Smith.

T. S. Finch.

Edson Pickell.

J. A. Kellogg.

H. V. Hallett.

John Lorson.

*Thos. Low.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

SAGINAW POST NO. 38, SAGINAW.

Chartered December 14, 1881.

Membership 77.

*Commander, Chas. Zeim.

*Delegates.**F. C. Crowell.
W. J. Cantwell.*Alternates.*Moses Matureau.
Robt. F. Dobson.*Past Commanders.*W. G. Gage.
E. F. Guild.
H. Coleman.
*C. H. Peters.
*D. K. Halsey.
James T. Hale.
T. T. Hubbard.
*Riley L. Jones.
Wm. H. Presser.
Robert Dederick.
*Henry Fiege.
D. W. Osborne.
*V. D. Starr.D. F. Leonard.
Hugh McLean.
*Gordon T. Converse.
*Wm. W. Morgan.
M. E. Keller.
*Fayette Wyckoff.
*O. S. Bishop.
Chas. P. Colvin.
*P. J. Sensabaugh.
C. F. Schuetler.
*Jos. Seeman.
B. A. Osborne.
John Morean.**KILPATRICK POST NO. 39, BERRIEN SPRINGS.**

Chartered February 15, 1882.

Membership 31.

Commander, John Latta.

Delegate.

*Harrison Newton.

Alternate.

R. Shriber.

*Past Commanders.*Rosco D. Dix.
D. G. W. Ganzler.
*J. Hallenbeck.
A. W. Harkins.*W. H. Miller.
*S. E. Hadlock.
Mendell Wells.**A. S. WILLIAMS POST NO. 40, CHARLOTTE.**

Chartered February 8, 1882.

Membership 111.

*Cominader, Fred G. Warren.

*Delegates.**C. W. Pangler.
Henry Brouse.*Alternates.*Daniel F. Vickery.
W. P. Faulkner.*Past Commanders.*D. B. Ainger.
Wm. Jordan.
Lewis A. Snell.
*J. D. Butler.
*James Umbarger.
Albert T. Nye.*S. W. Harmon.
*Joseph Shaw.
*Wm. M. Beckman.
Thos. J. Snow.
G. B. Allen.**B. P. CARPENTER POST NO. 41, CHELSEA.**

Chartered February 13, 1882.

Membership 35.

*Commander, G. J. Crowell.

Delegate.

*U. H. Streeter.

Alternate.

John Strabley.

*Past Commanders.*T. E. Wood.
J. F. Harrington.
E. Gorman.
Rush Green.
J. F. Watrous.*E. L. Negus.
L. Reilly.
A. Steger.
Wm. Yocum.

CHAS. T. POSTER POST NO. 42, LANSING.

Chartered February 2, 1882.

Membership 235.

*Commander, Lester J. Kenney.

Delegates.

*Daniel S. Mevis.
 *Chas. T. Miller.
 *Eugene S. Humphrey.
 *John A. Wardell.
 *John Oatley.

Alternates.

Geo. Graham.
 Edwin A. Scutt.
 John K. Holt.
 Geo. W. Smalley.
 John C. Kennedy.

Past Commanders.

Wm. L. Reed.
 *Frederick Schneider.
 Theo. E. Potter.
 Edwin R. Havens.
 *James M. Slocum.
 Frank M. Howe.
 *Wm. C. Nesen.
 *Addison S. Boyce.
 W. P. Treadway.
 Thos. B. Blossom.

I. N. Ashley.
 *Allen S. Shattuck.
 *Wm. W. Cook.
 Geo. J. Foster.
 Seymour Foster.
 *Geo. W. Stone.
 *Lewis A. Miller.
 John A. Marvin.
 Sidney Edson.
 *W. A. Bolter.

SCOTT POST NO. 43, BLISSFIELD.

Chartered February 16, 1882.

Membership 56.

Commander, Byron Tripp.

Delegate.

David Lamley.

Alternate.

Samuel Smith.

Past Commanders.

John Rentz.
 Peter Fisher.
 Frank A. Sperry.
 Geo. F. Ford.
 *W. H. Colyer.
 H. H. Wilber.
 Dayton Parker.

Jas. K. Crane.
 Horace R. Wood.
 Wm. Ten Eyck.
 Edwin Youngs.
 N. T. Stoner.
 A. C. Bartholomew.

ANSON SANFORD POST NO. 44, SANFORD.

Chartered September 23, 1889.

Membership 9.

Commander, John M. Howe.

Delegate.

Gerdon Longenbarger.

Alternate.

Edward Francis.

Past Commanders.

John W. H. Brooks.
 H. G. Thorington.
 John W. Howe.

Leonard Pawling.
 John F. Briggs.

WOODBURY POST NO. 45, ADRIAN.

Chartered February 13, 1882.

Membership 42.

*Commander, Clark W. Decker.

Delegates.

*Asa W. Aldrich.
 *Geo. G. Mame.
 Murry L. Robinson.

Alternates.

Geo. Durfee.
 *Wm. Gimbert.
 H. C. Cunningham.

Past Commanders.

Geo. R. Cochrane.
 Geo. W. Westerman.
 *B. F. Mattern.
 Samuel Patten.
 Stewart Ballon.
 B. F. Graves.
 Fred J. Buck.
 Geo. Irwin.
 *Hope Welch.
 John Britten.

S. E. Graves.
 D. B. Morgan.
 *W. T. Bradley.
 *Geo. Austin.
 John B. Allen.
 *L. O. Salsbury.
 *Henry Mickley.
 *Wm. Jibb.
 *Sam. W. Hamilton.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

JACOB G. FOY POST NO. 46, GANGES.

Chartered

Membership 11.

Delegate.

Geo. G. Dean.

*Commander, Wm. H. Dunn.

Alternate.

C. W. Holmes.

Past Commanders.

*Wm. H. Dunn.

E. J. King.

*H. H. Goodrich.

Geo. G. Dean.

*Geo. T. Clapp.

*J. P. Eddy.

W. C. GILBERT POST NO. 47, DOWAGIAC.

Chartered March 11, 1882.

Membership 35.

Delegate.

Williss M. Farr.

*Commander, J. R. Edwards.

Alternate.

Edward Henwood.

Past Commanders.

Wm. H. Brown.

T. J. Edwards.

*J. R. Edwards.

John Bilderback.

EDWARD POMEROY POST NO. 48, JACKSON.

Chartered March 9, 1882.

Membership 183.

Delegates.

*Cyrus Pierce.

Alternates.

W. W. Crocker.

*Lewis Pelton.

*Levi Jones.

Oscar Driscoll.

*C. P. Realtor.

John W. Allen.

*Theo. P. Butcher.

Past Commanders.

*T. H. Williams.

*J. L. Sample.

*A. D. Welling.

*S. B. Davis.

*O. F. Kaywood.

D. J. Willson.

*Albert Dunham.

*J. D. Jewell.

Henry Dilno.

*Geo. Cottrill.

*M. S. Redfield.

*H. H. Allen.

*W. W. Hitchcock.

*Wm. H. Porter.

*C. H. Haskin.

*Thos. Daniels.

WADESWORTH POST NO. 49, LAWRENCE.

Chartered March 16, 1882.

Membership 25.

Delegate.

*Elmer Hardman.

*Commander, Thos. C. Tyner.

Alternate.

John Ridlon.

Past Commanders.

Geo. A. Cross.

Amos Dopp.

John Huff.

*John W. Shoemaker.

*Thomas C. Tyner.

*Francis Branch.

Charles Cook.

JOHN T. REYNOLDS POST NO. 52, PENTWATER.

Chartered November 18, 1887.

Membership 19.

Delegate.

*J. H. Beach.

*Commander, T. O. Gardner.

Alternate.

Geo. Tate.

Past Commanders.

*T. O. Gardner.

O. M. Inman.

W. A. Clark.

E. Nickerson.

J. Beckwith.

PHIL M'KEERNAN POST NO. 53, MASON.

Chartered April 8, 1882.

Membership 33.

Delegate.

*W. J. Adams.

Commander, Hugh Blakely.

Alternate.

G. L. Barnaby.

Past Commanders.

T. M. Saraw.
 Hugh Blakely.
 *G. L. Barnaby.
 S. C. Parker.

E. S. Baldwin.
 H. C. Freeland.
 W. J. Adams.

O. P. MORTON POST NO. 54, MANTON.

Chartered April 15, 1882.

Membership 15.

Delegate.

J. Goldsmith.

Commander, R. A. Cora.

Alternate.

J. Berry.

Past Commanders.

Xera Ellsworth.
 D. B. Averill.

Edward Morgan.
 A. A. Clawson.

CAPT. H. BARROWS POST NO. 55, ARMADA.

Chartered June 4, 1895.

Membership 18.

Delegate.

A. B. Watson.

Commander, E. S. Sibley.

Alternate.

Marion Bates.

Past Commanders.

Peter B. Cade.
 Homer A. Sperry.
 Marion Bates.
 *L. J. Compton.
 S. S. Hathaway.

Frederick Klusendorf.
 Amos Finch.
 William Hamlin.
 Wm. B. Hamilton.
 Ashel B. Watson.

C. J. BASSETT POST NO. 56, ALLEGAN.

Chartered April 25, 1882.

Membership 68.

Delegate.

*Henry L. Green.

Commander, J. C. Leggett.

Alternate.

Hiram Myers.

Past Commanders.

*W. W. Warner.
 *N. W. Houser.
 Geo. W. Cady.
 J. W. Eley.
 John S. Curtis.

A. C. Esterbrook.
 *L. W. Belinger.
 Parley Main.
 *Geo. B. Myers.
 M. A. Powell.

THOMAS MANNING POST NO. 57, MARCELLUS.

Chartered May 19, 1882.

Membership 77.

Delegate.

*Bruce Levy.

*Commander, Frank T. Wolf.

Alternate.

Sam Reigles.

Past Commanders.

*W. J. Kellogg.
 *J. B. Gortner.
 Peter Shall.
 *G. I. Nash.
 Clarence Lamson.

*W. R. Sinder.
 H. W. Nottingham.
 Ray T. Streeter.
 Levi Dennis.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

A. COLVIN POST NO. 59, GOBLEVILLE.

Chartered May 22, 1882.

Membership 24.

Delegate.

W. Upson.

*Commander, M. J. Blakeman..

Alternate.

*J. C. Parsons.

Past Commanders.

L. S. Lee.

Phil Bush.

Bradley Randall.

E. M. Brown.

Geo. Meyers.

DEWEY POST NO. 60, LESLIE.

Chartered May 25, 1882.

Membership 40.

Delegate.

Commander, A. H. Larbatoux.

Alternate.

*M. L. Ackley.

Past Commanders.

L. S. Rice.

*A. H. Laberteaux.

J. B. Scovel.

*W. D. Longyear.

R. C. Bishop.

*A. A. Lumbard.

C. F. DOORE POST NO. 61, GAYLORD.

Chartered May 19, 1882.

Membership 15.

Delegate.

Geo. H. Smith.

Commander, N. L. Parmeter.

Alternate.

J. W. F. Newsome.

Past Commanders.

*Wm. H. Smith.

Orson Higley.

Phillip Sparr.

L. W. Lyon.

Benj. F. Ordway.

JEWELL POST NO. 62, CEDAR SPRINGS.

Chartered June 3, 1882.

Membership 31.

Delegate.

*Philo Borst.

*Commander, Miles Mulford.

Alternate.

Silas T. Church.

Past Commanders.

D. G. Dove.

L. Bearss.

*J. T. Pomeroy.

J. D. Jackson.

Miles Mulford.

G. K. WARNER POST NO. 63, EAST TAWAS.

Chartered June 20, 1882.

Membership 36.

Delegate.

Commander, F. E. Hayes.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

L. B. Smith.

J. E. Hill.

Theo. Hills.

*B. F. Oakes.

F. E. Hayes.

Wardwell Chase.

J. M. Walker.

S. C. Williams.

Wm. Youngs.

C. F. Adams.

FRANK GRAVES POST NO. 64, NILES.

Chartered June 19, 1882.

Membership 28.

Delegate.

James Hardee.

Commander, Alexander Winborn.

Alternate.

A. C. Judson.

Past Commanders.

H. C. Beswick.

A. E. Dodge.

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W. J. MAY POST NO. 65, JONES.

Chartered July 24, 1882.

Membership 23.

Delegate.

David Houser.

Commander, S. P. King.

Alternate.

Charles Carpenter.

Past Commanders.

Luther Kinney.

D. Trattels.

A. P. Beeman.

T. P. Ayers.

I. S. Pound.

L. H. Scott.

H. H. Bowen.

N. G. Stanard.

STEVENS POST NO. 66, EAST JORDAN.

Chartered December 4, 1882.

Membership 24.

Delegate.

Alexander Bush.

Commander, Geo. W. Haner.

Alternate.

Wm. Harrington.

Past Commanders.

J. W. Rogers.

L. C. Madison.

Geo. J. Bowen.

J. H. Kocker.

U. S. GRANT POST NO. 67, BAY CITY.

Chartered June 12, 1882.

Membership 81.

Delegates.

*Griffin Lewis.

Hiram Russell.

Commander, L. A. L. Gilbert.

Alternates.

Frank Le Roy.

Lewis Houck.

Past Commanders.

H. C. Green.

Frank Berdan.

*C. L. Collins.

Pat. Gibbons.

*James Van Kleeck.

J. P. Day.

August Meisel.

L. McHugh.

Chas. Gossler.

S. Wilhelm.

M. J. Borland.

O. F. Kellogg.

Wm. Hubbard.

SHIELDS POST NO. 68, SHELLEY.

Chartered July 27, 1882.

Membership 36.

Delegate.

Chas. H. Richardson.

Commander, Dan'l J. Thurston.

Alternate.

E. M. Moody.

Past Commanders.

Phil Penfield.

W. P. Shafer.

William Beamer.

Wm. H. Barry.

Jacob P. Huyson.

Augustus Fleming.

F. A. Pitts.

G. W. Carroll.

J. D. Randall.

Burr Pittinger.

A. H. Towne.

DWIGHT MAY POST NO. 69, MIDLAND.

Chartered June 29, 1882.

Membership 35.

Delegate.

*Robert Clark.

Commander, H. D. Northway.

Alternate.

I. H. Richardson.

Past Commanders.

*J. W. Snell.

Geo. H. Richardson.

Alton P. Beardsley.

True Hart.

C. L. Jenney.

T. B. Main.

Wm. L. Stearns.

Henry Northway.

William Patterson.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

ED. M. PRUTZMAN POST NO. 72, THREE RIVERS.

Chartered September 7, 1882.

Membership 50.

Commander, James L. Haines.

Delegate.

*Henry Kramb.

Alternate.

J. D. Wolfe.

Past Commanders.

W. H. Bumphrey.

James Bouton.

*S. M. Snyder.

*Jeff. P. McKey.

*W. C. Porter.

Wesley W. Van Horn.

*James L. Haines.

*Russell R. Pealer.

*A. A. Udell.

*Bishop E. Andrews.

*Geo. A. B. Cooke.

A. B. STURGIS POST NO. 73, STURGIS.

Chartered September 1, 1882.

Membership 31.

Commander, Van Vlick. P. H.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

E. S. Amedon.

Daniel Berger.

J. H. Whitmer.

L. J. Twichell

P. J. Rodes.

O. D. Russell.

E. B. Cooke.

P. H. Van Vleck.

H. L. Anthony.

E. Zeigler.

A. A. Wilber.

STERLING POST NO. 74, WAYLAND.

Chartered August 31, 1882.

Membership 25.

Commander, Chas. B. Brown.

Delegate.

*John W. P. Allen.

Alternate.

J. C. Gordon.

Past Commanders.

Peter Ross.

*John H. Peck.

John W. Moore.

*Frank E. Pickett.

James M. Potts.

*C. B. Brown.

*Jerry H. Sargent.

Albert W. Nash.

*Varsol P. Fales.

Isaac N. Hoyt.

David Knowles.

WETHERWAX POST NO. 75, GRAND HAVEN.

Chartered September 13, 1882.

Membership 30.

Commander, Chas. W. Dickinson.

Delegate.

A. M. Van Wormer.

Alternate.

Jos. Douglas.

Past Commanders.

C. E. Soule.

*C. N. Dickenson.

Eugene Gardner.

G. A. Farr.

Miner J. Emlaw.

William Walters.

*Orson Vanderhoef.

Wm. Kefgen.

*Philander Palmer.

Anthony Boet.

JOSEPH E. SMITH POST NO. 76, MONROE.

Chartered September 12, 1882.

Membership 47.

Commander, Adam Lahr.

Delegate.

A. Rupp.

Alternate.

B. Strum.

Past Commanders.

Geo. Spaulding.

H. Beisal.

C. L. Peck.

H. E. Austin.

Burton Parker.

F. B. Nelson.

C. Gruner.

J. Callum.

Wm. Hagans.

Wm. F. Haight.

FRANK HICKS POST NO. 78, DANSVILLE.

Chartered September 18, 1882.

Membership 25.

Delegate.

*Merritt Hicks.

*Commander, A. L. Crossman.

Alternate.

W. W. Raymond.

Past Commanders.

Andrew Beers.
O. L. Lathrop.
C. L. Randall.

C. F. Patrick.
A. L. Crossman.

ORCUTT POST NO. 79, KALAMAZOO.

Chartered September 20, 1882.

Membership 135.

Delegates.

W. C. Shook.

*Eli Strong.

*W. F. Parsons.

Alternates.

*David C. Oakes.

J. W. Johnson.

James McGinn.

Past Commanders.

Geo. M. Buck.
*Wm. F. Sherman
*J. D. Turner.
*Freeman Hall.
F. D. Root.
*F. P. Muhlenberg.
John Barker.
*Enoch Shafer.
*Jas. E. White.

*P. H. Burke.
*Geo. F. Larned.
*John D. Sumner.
*H. P. Shutt.
*E. S. Bissell.
*Chas. Prange.
*Geo. Clark.
Geo. W. Doane.

HARLOW BRIGGS POST NO. 80, HOPKINS STATION.

Chartered September 25, 1882.

Membership 30.

Delegate.

*J. W. Linsley.

Commander, W. H. Miller.

Alternate.

W. H. Van Orman.

Past Commanders.

*John Hoffmaster.
*Geo. Ruehle.
*John Bacon.
*Wesley McBride.
*Arnold Brockway.

Chas. Tiefenthal.
D. S. Halstead.
Fred Hodges.
Henry H. Smith.
J. G. Ellinger.

COL. JEFFORDS POST NO. 82, NASHVILLE.

Chartered September 19, 1882.

Membership 28.

Delegate.

A. T. Rowley.

Commander, Alex. Brown.

Alternate.

G. O. Dean.

Past Commanders.

E. F. Evans.
Geo. Wellman.
*Alex. Brown.
*E. D. Williams.
G. W. Perry.

W. S. Hecox.
*R. C. Smith.
Wm. Boston.
A. R. Williams.

WM. A. KENT POST NO. 83, GREENVILLE.

Chartered October 6, 1882.

Membership 45.

Delegate.

Truman Duset.

Commander, A. T. Bliss.

Alternate.

Wm. Trace.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Past Commanders.

John Avery.	H. M. Caukin.
*E. F. Graybill.	*L. W. Sprague.
O. B. Green.	O. W. Green.
E. W. Blanchard.	A. H. Bennett.
*A. J. Cole.	O. J. Cary.
C. O. Jennison.	Geo. W. Turner.

COL. BAKER POST NO. 84, KALKASKA.

Chartered October 9, 1882.

Membership 48.

Commander, James M. Flagg.

Delegate.

Willard R. Parker.

Alternate.

Chas. Woolpert.

Past Commanders.

Daniel P. Beebe.	W. H. Bockes.
James A. Harriott.	W. J. Wilson.
Jos. F. Mowbrey.	*Chas. H. DePuy.
James Greacen.	James M. Steel.
Jas. M. Flagg.	*John E. Rainbow.
John Lewis.	

CHAS. WOODRUFF POST NO. 58, THREE OAKS.

Chartered October 16, 1882.

Membership 22.

*Commander, F. F. Sovereign.

Delegate.

*Geo. L. Stevens.

Alternate.

S. M. Copelin.

Past Commanders.

Dwight Warren.	Fred F. Sovereign.
Isaiah Rynerson.	Wm. W. Smith.
Joshua Chatterson.	Chas. H. Davis.

GEN. LYON POST NO. 86, MANCELONA.

Chartered October 10, 1882.

Membership 18.

Commander, James I. Ayers.

Delegate.

James Blair.

Alternate.

Thomas Hazen.

Past Commanders.

H. B. Hudson.	Davis S. Davis.
I. O. Lyons.	D. W. Lazell.
J. W. Wallace.	H. C. Merdon.

JOS. WILSON POST NO. 87, LOWELL.

Chartered October 16, 1882.

Membership 54.

*Commander, S. P. Hicks.

Delegate.

*H. W. Booth.

Alternate.

D. E. Pratt.

*Past Commanders.***CORBIN POST NO. 88, UNION CITY.**

Chartered October 17, 1882.

Membership 55.

Commander, John D. Parke.

Delegate.

*Geo. Eberhard.

Alternate.

Ira Crandall.

Past Commanders

*L. L. Harsh.
R. M. Simmons.
M. F. Buell.
O. N. Dennison.
G. W. Blakewell.

*J. M. Wells.
D. E. Youngs.
*C. M. Hall.
M. E. Blair.
Henry Seymour.

RANSOM POST NO. 89, FLUSHING.

Chartered October 18, 1882.

Membership 18.

*Commander, James Armstrong.

Delegate.

C. H. Penoyer.

Alternate.

*Spellman Loop.

Past Commanders.

*J. M. Greenfield.
*S. H. Thomas.
W. V. Banning.
*John Wheeler.
H. A. Miller.

W. J. Ottaway.
*Cyrus Phelps.
Albert Crosby.
*J. M. Caldwell.
*Chester Pelton.

J. N. PENOYER POST NO. 90, SAGINAW, W. S.

Chartered November 14, 1882.

Membership 44.

Commander, John Monroe.

Delegate.

*Adolph Zyfer.

Alternate.

John Mahoney.

Past Commanders.

*O. F. Mosier.
Albert Trask.
N. S. Wood.
C. A. Beelman.
Fred Wellington.
C. P. Burdick.
*Henry Vance.
J. G. McMillan.

J. H. Wellington.
C. F. Brand.
N. B. Kinsey.
J. P. Sherman.
G. R. Grout.
*E. St. John.
H. S. Averill.
J. H. Leavenworth.

WM. D. WILKINS POST NO. 91, ST. LOUIS.

Chartered October 25, 1882.

Membership 25.

Commander, L. B. Longwell.

Delegate.

John J. McRolf.

Alternate.

Geo. Wood.

Past Commanders.

A. B. Darragh.
Peter Shook.
L. W. Beach.
H. W. Forney.
C. H. Crandall.
Chas. Morrow.
*Henry O. Totten.

Henry Davison.
J. N. Robinson.
L. B. Longwell.
Willard Gray.
L. L. Cornell.
H. E. Histed.

WALLACE POST NO. 95, FLAT ROCK.

Chartered December 9, 1882.

Membership 37.

Commander, Chas. Strewing.

Delegate.

David Valrance.

Alternate.

Sherman Rice.

Past Commanders.

J. M. Van Riper.
S. F. Smith.
H. W. Moses.
*Albert W. Wagar.
B. Parish.
E. Beach.
*F. M. Reid.

L. Firstle.
J. R. Brown.
W. B. Littlefield.
C. Strewing.
Chas. Simpson.
F. Ferstel.

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CARTER POST NO. 96, UNION.

Chartered December 21, 1882.

Membership 11.

Delegate.
 J. C. Kyle.
 Commander, C. C. Parker.
Alternate.
 H. M. Fox.
Past Commanders.
 H. F. Garman.

JOHN J. BAGLEY POST NO. 97, HERSEY.

Chartered December 27, 1882.

Membership 12.

Delegate.
 Geo. I. Hale.
 Commander, Peter A. Hall.
Alternate.
 I. N. Owens.
Past Commanders.
 Wm. B. C. Pitts.
 Wm. D. Lovell.
 B. F. Carey.
 L. F. Corey.
 P. A. Hall.

WILLIAM SANBORN POST NO. 98, PORT HURON.

Chartered December 30, 1882.

Membership 60.

Delegate.
 *E. G. Spalding.
 Commander, Chas. W. Higgins.
Alternate.
 R. S. Mann.
Past Commanders.
 E. S. Post.
 L. A. Sherman.
 E. S. Pitit.
 Geo. W. Howe.
 W. H. Brown.
 J. D. Kinney.
 W. H. Smith.
 A. J. West.
 Wm. Thompson.
 *C. W. Higgins.
 *C. V. W. Brokaw.
 *J. W. Burns.
 G. B. Windover.
 A. H. Welsher.
 Harvey Hyde.
 L. B. Rice.

M. W. DRESSER POST NO. 100, LYONS.

Chartered January 10, 1883.

Membership 28.

Delegate.
 *J. O. Probasco.
 Commander, T. H. Steadman.
Alternate.
 Simon Newhouse.
Past Commanders.
 Ezra N. Thayer.
 B. H. Stevens.
 Geo. W. Terry.
 J. R. Dougherty.
 Chas. W. Lung.
 T. H. Steadman.

MOSES WISNER POST NO. 101, ITHACA.

Chartered January 13, 1883.

Membership 60.

Delegate.
 *Albro Curtiss.
 Commander, Alanson J. Brown.
Alternate.
 I. N. Cowdry.
Past Commanders.
 N. C. Sutliff.
 *W. H. Beasley.
 Wm. L. Phillips.
 E. B. Killee.
 Thomas Crofford.
 John Barnes.
 A. W. Russell.
 Perry D. Pettit.
 James Donaldson.
 E. F. Doty.
 *J. B. Yarbough.
 G. W. Todd.
 Wm. Stahl.
 W. J. Clark.
 K. P. Peet.

ELI P. ALEXANDER POST NO. 103, WILLIAMSTON.

Chartered January 16, 1883.

Membership 39.

Delegate.

C. E. Lockwood.

Commander, H. M. Bigelow.

Alternate.

Miles Vannetter.

Past Commanders.

Wm. L. Robson.
H. M. Bigelow.
Mathias Coad.
Hiram Haine.

R. Wiggins.
Chas. E. West.
Milo Vannetter.
Leroy Satterlee.

GEO. A. WINANS POST NO. 104, OVID.

Chartered February 8, 1883.

Membership 34.

Delegate.

W. B. Parker.

Commander, John W. Mentor.

Alternate.

Fred Alchin.

Past Commanders.

W. G. Hunter.
John A. Hubbell.
A. R. Doyne
Luther Stone.
John Link.
W. B. Parker.

S. B. Southworth.
Cyrus Sherman.
Hiram W. Treat.
Chas. Cowan.
N. B. Goodfellow, Post 255.
W. G. Hunter.

WORTH POST NO. 105, TEKONSHA.

Chartered February 15, 1883.

Membership 14.

Delegate.

R. E. Eldrid.

Commander, Willard Whitney.

Alternate.

C. C. Juckett.

Past Commanders.

Willard Whitney.
William Gribbens.
C. H. Miller.

Wm. H. Davis.
Geo. Blashfield.

TIM LEWIS POST NO. 107, DIMONDALE.

Chartered March 17, 1883.

Membership 25.

Delegate.

*Chas. H. Holcomb.

Commander, Andrew Pray.

Alternate.

Henry Claffin.

Past Commanders.

*Andrew Pray.
*N. P. Bateman.
*John Spitler.
Albert Shotwell.
Jas. A. Bell.

O. G. Andrews.
John Van Osdall.
A. D. Carlton.
E. O. Butler.

EARL HALBERT POST NO. 108, GRAND LEDGE.

Chartered March 15, 1883.

Membership 44.

Delegate.

*A. E. Elliott.

*Commander, Henry Munn.

Alternate.

E. Russell.

Past Commanders.

*J. S. Holmes.
E. Wallace.
*W. D. Southworth.
*H. L. Bigelow.
*B. F. Sanborn.
J. D. Summers.

*N. W. Tracy.
D. G. Kennedy.
Henry Newsom.
Oliver Wright.
Andy McKelvey.

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BUTTERWORTH POST NO. 109, COLDWATER.

Chartered March 9, 1883.

Membership 135.

Delegates.

*Jed Wilcox.
E. N. Billings.
*Jeff. Burns.

*Commander, Edwin E. Lewis.

Alternates.

*H. Tymerson.
L. Daniels.
J. Cochran.

Past Commanders.

*N. A. Reynolds.
*Geo. H. Turner.
Henry Firth.
H. C. Simons.
L. A. Dillingham.
*Alfred Milnes.
B. K. Robbins.
Frank Eaton.

C. W. Bennett.
T. S. Osborn.
Chas. R. Thompson.
*F. D. Newberry
*H. H. Benson.
B. F. Rolph.
Geo. A. Russell.
Hezekiah Sweet.

DE GOLYER POST NO. 110, HUDSON.

Chartered March 12, 1883.

Membership 32.

Delegate.

John A. Dillon.

*Commander, Mathew Burt.

Alternate.

P. Cavanaugh.

Past Commanders.

R. A. Beach.
*Fred Barkway.
Edwin Camp.
A. H. Boies.

*J. K. Periman.
C. H. Eastmah.
Wm. Barnard.

J. B. BRAINARD POST NO. 111, EATON RAPIDS.

Chartered March 14, 1883.

Membership 129.

Delegates.

J. R. Norton.
*B. K. Crandall.
*V. M. Smith.

*Commander, H. J. Milbourn.

Alternates.

*Hiram Godfrey.
D. S. Milbourn.
Amos Topliff.

Past Commanders.

*Geo. W. Norton.
*H. B. Olmsted.
*W. D. Brainard.
*Eli Cook.
*Geo. Noble.
*Jasper Rolph.
Roswell West.

*D. M. Braman.
*James Umborgan.
*L. A. Fowler.
*H. J. Milburn.
*Alonzo Cheney.
*C. B. Fowler.
*J. J. Holmes.

JOHN CRYDERMAN POST NO. 112, MULLIKEN.

Chartered March 16, 1883.

Membership 13.

Delegate.

Commander, Pomeroy Canfield.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

W. W. Thompson.
L. H. Wilcox.

L. D. Fisher.

MILES POST NO. 113, ST. CLAIR.

Chartered March 15, 1883.

Membership 12.

Delegate.

Archibald McKenzie.

Commander, David P. Ingles.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

John Fink.

JOHN GILLULY POST NO. 114, FOWLERVILLE.

Chartered March 22, 1883.

Membership 44.

Delegate.

*Marvin Benjamin.

*Commander, W. M. Horton.

Alternate.

Andrew Wall.

Past Commanders.

*Wm. M. Horton.

G. D. Hamilton.

*Louis Cobley.

A. H. Smith.

E. A. Metcalf.

W. P. Stowe.

O. P. Showers.

C. E. Dunston.

Geo. L. Fisher.

ELLIOTT POST NO. 115, WHITE PIGEON.

Chartered March 23, 1883.

Membership 15.

Delegate.

*Commander, Daniel Saunter.

Alternate.

C. H. Farnham.

Past Commanders.

Martin Luther.

A. J. Rowinsky.

*C. Y. Gardner.

D. G. ROYCE POST NO. 117, BYRON.

Chartered March 22, 1883.

Membership 6.

Delegate.

J. Schweikert.

*Commander, L. C. Kanouse.

Alternate.

Geo. Keyes.

Past Commanders.

E. D. Welch.

H. L. Bishop.

G. LaDue.

J. Goff.

L. C. Kanouse.

Wm. Close.

M. D. Comstock.

W. H. Borst.

H. H. NIMS POST NO. 118, LEXINGTON.

Chartered March 31, 1883.

Membership 13.

Delegate.

Commander, M. J. Dowling.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

R. Papst.

Oliver Yake.

L. M. Brown.

M. J. Dowling.

Fred Keener.

BAXTER POST NO. 119, CHARLEVOIX.

Chartered March 28, 1883.

Membership 27.

Delegate.

Egbert Carpenter.

Commander, Harrison Berdan.

Alternate.

Geo. O. Scott.

Past Commanders.

E. H. Green.

C. H. Whitford.

E. B. Hodge.

Robert Miller.

H. Berdan.

J. G. Reed.

W. H. Collins.

Geo. W. Cook.

WADELL POST NO. 120, HOWELL.

Chartered April 5, 1883.

Membership 49.

Delegate.

E. A. Noble.

Commander, R. D. W. Woodworth.

Alternate.

D. Werithew.

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Past Commanders.

G. W. Axtell.
 *R. E. Parshall.
 Frank Jordan.
 Marshall Borden.
 Geo. Barnes.
 E. D. Sargent.

*John McGiney.
 R. D. W. Woodworth.
 Asa Parshall
 *Calvin Wilcox.
 M. W. Dickinson.
 *H. H. Collins.

PAP THOMAS POST NO. 121, CHESANING.

Chartered April 6, 1883.

Membership 27.

Commander, Dan. O. Quigley.

Delegate.

Andrew S. Smith.

Alternate.

Lewis Walser.

Past Commanders.

Nathan R. Jersey.
 John Marshall.
 S. B. Vannocker.

A. J. Wilson.
 H. T. Weaver.

CARVER POST NO. 123, FRANKFORT.

Chartered April 7, 1883.

Membership 18.

Commander, C. C. Forney.

Delegate.

Chas. A. Voorheis.

Alternate.

E. Z. Guild.

Past Commanders.

John Hallabaugh.
 H. A. Parker.

John S. Perry.
 A. J. Schnester.

FITZGERALD POST NO. 125, HASTINGS.

Chartered April 11, 1883.

Membership 55.

*Commander, Caleb W. Moore.

Delegate.

*Thomas Heney.

Alternate.

D. A. Bowker.

Past Commanders.

*H. H. Trask.
 Hiram Palmater.
 M. B. Todd.
 H. Marble.
 *Travers Philips.
 Wm. Ream.

Frank A. Standley.
 Jos. C. Wardell.
 W. F. Hicks.
 *Oliver Greenfield.
 D. E. Birdsall.
 *W. H. Garrison.

DAN S. ROOT POST NO. 126, BELDING.

Chartered April 14, 1883.

Membership 33.

*Commander, Frank R. Chase.

Delegate.

W. H. Locke.

Alternate.

A. G. Cole.

Past Commanders.

B. F. Tower.
 W. R. Olds.
 C. M. Slayton.

Frank R. Chase.
 J. H. Keeney.

"BILLY" BEGOLE POST NO. 127, MAPLE RAPIDS.

Chartered April 15, 1883.

Membership 25.

Commander, John Bennett.

Delegate.

*J. E. Jones.

Alternate.

Thomas Anderson.

Past Commanders.

Robert Anderson.
 Thomas Anderson.
 Elisha Mudge.

Dennis Wright.
 J. A. Knickerbocker.
 J. E. Jones.

B. G. HUTCHINSON POST NO. 129, FOWLER.

Chartered April 21, 1883.

Membership 27.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, W. E. Hamilton.	<i>Alternate.</i>
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
	F. A. Stowe.	Jesse Evarts.
	M. B. Drake.	Wm. M. Young.
	W. E. Hamilton.	

J. T. BARRETT POST NO. 130, EDMORE.

Chartered April 19, 1883.

Membership 12.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Abel Rorrick.	<i>Alternate.</i>
B. L. Ward.		J. K. Tram.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
	*Joseph Perrine.	Henry W. Hewes.
	*Hiram Sockett.	

HENRY M. LIDDLE POST NO. 131, COLON.

Chartered April 21, 1883.

Membership 35.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Wm. L. Lytle.	<i>Alternate.</i>
*Emanuel Smith.		David Shook.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
	John L. Little.	*W. T. Renner.
	William Boughton.	John Hall.
	*Charles Clement.	John Anderson.
	*E. Kemerling.	John A. Mosher.

JOHN MEGARRAH POST NO. 132, PORTLAND.

Chartered April 27, 1883.

Membership 45.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, J. B. Blackson.	<i>Alternate.</i>
*Rush P. Baldwin.		Daniel Hillis.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
	E. M. Allen.	M. J. Whitney.
	H. W. Holcomb.	H. C. Glines.
	Vincent Taylor.	W. R. Norwood.
	John W. Van Horn.	*H. Outwater.
	*Wm. G. Miner.	J. D. Woodbury.

SAMUEL JUDD POST NO. 133, NEWAYGO.

Chartered April 27, 1883.

Membership 22.

<i>Delegate.</i>	*Commander, L. C. Gates.	<i>Alternate.</i>
*J. H. Edwards.		W. H. Ostrom.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
	J. H. Edwards.	W. H. Ostrom.

FRED W. WALKER POST NO. 134, MT. MORRIS.

Chartered April 27, 1883.

Membership 14.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, W. W. Fairbanks.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Geo. Schield.		John Hughes.

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Past Commanders.

W. O. Boughton.
D. Douglas.
J. C. C. Stephens.
Geo. W. Clute.
John Hughes.

Win. Barber.
M. W. Fairbanks.
John Mitchell.
U. Bache.

BARTHOLOMEW POST NO. 136, NUNICA.

Chartered May 11, 1883.

Membership 13.

Commander, E. R. Porter.

Delegate.

Blin Dumas.

Alternate.

F. M. Green.

Past Commanders.

J. A. Bond.
*John Castle.
E. Barden.
*H. E. Plant.

A. G. Hayward.
T. W. Dandy.
*John Howard.
*John Eckhoff.

WELCH POST NO. 137, ANN ARBOR.

Chartered May 8, 1883.

Membership 52.

Commander, Robt. L. Warren.

Delegate.

*John Cushing.

Alternate.

Richard Williams.

Past Commanders.

*Henry S. Dean.
*J. Q. A. Sessions.
J. M. Perkins.
W. H. Jackson.
N. P. Jacobs.
*Chas. H. Manley.
W. R. Childs.
W. A. Clark.

Robt. Campbell.
Fred Pistorins.
Harrison Soule.
H. J. Pierson.
A. F. Martin.
Silas P. Hill.
Jos. T. Jacobs.
Herman Krapf.

R. M. JOHNSON POST NO. 138, FERRY.

Chartered May 18, 1883.

Membership 8.

Commander, J. H. Critchet.

Delegate.

P. W. Parish.

Alternate.

T. P. Landon.

*Past Commanders.***HORACE S. ROBERTS POST NO. 139, ALPENA.**

Chartered May 23, 1883.

Membership 30.

Commander, John C. Viall.

Delegate.

*Frank Emerick.

Alternate.

William H. Johnson.

Past Commanders.

J. J. Potter.
C. M. Demming.
C. B. Gruly.
A. C. Rice.

Frank Hasell.
J. N. Kelly.
Frank White.

BEERS POST NO. 140, TECUMSEH.

Chartered May 18, 1881.

Membership 63.

Commander, Geo. T. Reiser.

Delegate.

*H. H. Smith.

Alternate.

Past Commanders.

*Elwill Camborn.
Geo Swarts.
J. W. Wightman.
Miles Baldwin.
S. P. Hosmer.
G. S. Van Tyne.
A. W. Mills.
John D. Shull.

Lemers Barnes.
W. P. Smalledge.
Chas. Davis.
I. N. Ingersoll.
*H. W. Stevens.
L. B. Thompson.
Elmer Wilson.
Wm. Smith.

A. MACOMBER POST NO. 141, LAKEVIEW.

Chartered May 25, 1883.

Membership 28.

Commander, Hiram Cornwell.

Delegate.

*Felix Ludington.

Alternate.

A. W. La Rue.

Past Commanders.

O. A. Adams.
*John W. LaRue.
*C. S. Vinning.

*Leonard Rossman.
B. S. Vest.

WHITESIDES POST NO. 143, CARO.

Chartered May 25, 1883.

Membership 11.

Commander, Lyman C. Grady.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Geo. W. Baslow.
D. M. Macomber.
Jas. A. Connor.

A. C. Spaulding.
R. M. Ross.
J. P. Westfall.

TURBILL POST NO. 144, LAPEER.

Chartered May 29, 1883.

Membership 40.

*Commander, David R. Laing.

Delegate.

*Edwin Weston.

Alternate.

Geo. Holman.

Past Commanders.

L. W. Hinman.
Herman Dockham.
Robt. King.
W. P. Glover.
Jacob Piper.
O. S. Church.

G. W. Cranston.
*F. McElroy.
Louis O. Bryan.
Geo. B. Farquaharson.
Peter Bessette.

GOV. CRAPO POST NO. 145, FLINT.

Chartered June 7, 1883.

Membership 146.

Commander, E. A. Jennings.

Delegates.

*Chas. A. Ward.
*Wm. R. Pratt.
*Oscar Johnson.

Alternates.

A. Van Arman.
Amander Ruby.
J. Leopard.

Past Commanders.

O. F. Lockhead.
*M. C. Barney.
Chas. L. Bentley.
O. S. Thomas.
Paul Countryman.
John W. Begg.
Frank E. Willetts.
Ed. C. Marsh.
Jarvis E. Albro.

J. R. Benjamin.
Geo. W. Hilton.
*Joseph Rush.
Geo. E. Newell.
*Geo. Raab.
*James H. Failing.
Jas. W. Van Tassel.
Thos. A. Willitts.

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CAPT. WILSON POST NO. 146, WALDRON.

Chartered June 8, 1883.

Membership 15.

Commander, Albert Gibbs.
Alternate, M. W. Gung.
Delegate, W. B. Moore.
Past Commanders,
 A. Gibbs, S. W. Yeagle.
 C. H. Gorsuch, E. N. Weaver.
 W. B. Moore.

DICK RICHARDSON POST NO. 147, PONTIAC.

Chartered June 11, 1883.

Membership 77.

**Commander*, Daniel C. Nail.
Alternates,
 H. W. Brown.
 B. J. Eddy.
Delegates,
 Moses A. Moon.
 W. E. Sprague
Past Commanders,
 Wm. H. Morgans, S. S. Mathews.
 *John Benjamin, L. D. Van Kleeck.
 D. Judson Hammond, B. J. Fuller.
 *D. S. Howard, Lucine Loorie.
 *Samuel Giles, *S. J. Cloonan.
 James Orr, Wm. Cheals.
 Hiram Daniels, E. S. Whitcomb.
 L. D. Wilcox, Geo. Caleb.
 Chauncy Brace.

DALEGREEN POST. NO. 149 HOLTON.

Chartered June 13, 1883.

Membership 21.

Commander, James T. Henry.
Alternate,
 H. W. Crawford.
Delegate,
Past Comanders,

RALPH ELY POST NO. 150, SHEPHERD.

Chartered June 12, 1883.

Membership 20.

Commander, J. B. Northrope
Alternate,
 Reuben Wellman.
Delegate,
 S. H. Fordyce.
Past Commanders,
 R. Wellman, I. N. Fordyce.
 William Suix, J. B. Northrop.

WILLIAM MOYER POST NO. 152, ALMA.

Chartered July 11, 1883.

Membership 44.

Commander, Joseph Sartor.
Alternate,
 Chester Walker.
Delegate,
 Solomon Wilber.
Past Commanders,
 John Greig, Francis Hawley.
 V. M. Wilson, J. W. Holmes.
 Ezra Robinson, Henry Wise.
 E. N. Chadwick, Geo. Willard.
 R. R. Purvis, Lafayette Stevens.
 F. Palmer.

HIEL P. CLARK POST NO. 153, SARANAC.

Chartered July 2, 1883.

Membership 25.

Delegate.

Tracy B. Lowrey.

Commander, Sam'l Pickens.

Alternate.

John Osborn.

Past Commanders.

E. P. Gifford.

H. A. Harton.

F. T. Haskin.

Nathan Hubble.

Eustis Hull.

Marshal Tanner.

A. W. Knee.

W. H. Pinckney.

GREGG POST NO. 155, HOMER.

Chartered July 11, 1883.

Membership 11.

Delegate.

Commander, Nathan D. Burton.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.***CHAS. E. GRISSON POST NO. 156, ST. JOHNS.**

Chartered July 5, 1883.

Membership 64.

Delegate.

*Geo. W. Sowle.

Commander, *W. M. Leland.

Alternate.

Jacob Grubaugh.

Past Commanders.

*John W. Bradner.

*W. N. Stocker.

W. F. Tromp.

M. A. Kniffin.

O. E. Wilson.

N. S. Parmalee.

J. L. Ring.

S. B. Daboll.

H. S. Hart.

J. E. Stone.

D. S. French.

ALBERT ANDERSON POST NO. 157, CASSOPOLIS.

Chartered July 6, 1883.

Membership 19.

Delegate.

*H. C. Walker.

*Commander, Norris Richardson.

Alternate.

Thos. M. Seares.

Past Commanders.

M. A. Abbott.

Jas. M. Shepard.

COLONEL ELY POST NO. 158, ELM HALL.

Chartered July 10, 1883.

Membership 32.

Delegate.

*Commander, Geo. Oliver.

Alternate.

J. B. Wood.

Past Commanders.

Senaca Sly.

Geo. Rockafellow.

*C. M. Guild.

A N Maston

A. E. Winters.

H. C. Romine.

*E. Hough.

J. W. Fullerton.

C. E. Prime.

James Toy.

Augustus Wise.

R. Schnepf.

HILL POST NO. 159, MIDDLEVILLE.

Chartered July 11, 1883.

Membership 10.

Delegate.

A. A. Tewksbury.

*Commander, D. W. Johnson.

Alternate.

Wm. McConnell.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Past Commanders.

A. A. Tewksbury.	H. B. Carveth.
*D. W. Johnson.	J. S. Johnson.
Wm. McConnell.	J. W. Gould.

HENRY F. WALLACE POST NO. 160, CORUNNA.

Chartered July 12, 1883.

Membership 32.

*Commander, Wm. E. Jacobs.

Delegate.

Dan'l Munger.

Alternate.

*Simon Anthony.

Past Commanders.

L. H. Wilcox.	*A. Adams.
Geo. Morean.	Ed. Conley.
G. W. Mattoon.	Andrew Porter.
*J. C. Thomas.	Philip Kline.
J. J. Peacock.	H. DePugh.

F. U. FARQUHAR POST NO. 162, DETROIT.

Chartered July 20, 1883.

Membership 19.

Commander, John McCredie.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***EDWARD DWIGHT POST NO. 163, VERMONTVILLE.**

Chartered July 30, 1883.

Membership 41.

*Commander, David M. Purchis.

Delegate.

M. J. Cunningham.

Alternate.

*Wm. Wright.

Past Commanders.

*J. N. Hawkins.	*C. F. Fuller.
D. M. Purchis.	C. S. Snell.
F. M. Potter.	H. H. Brown.
C. A. Hollenbeck.	Orlando Gunn.

O. COLGROVE POST NO. 166, MARSHALL.

Chartered August 4, 1838.

Membership 77.

*Commander, S. B. Shotwell.

Delegates.

*C. E. Hillis.

Alternates.

*Sidney Edgersen.

*Edson Tredwell.

G. Fred Waltz.

Past Commanders.

Epheram Marble.	*Henry A. Clute.
*Henry H. Miller.	John Cuzzins.
*Arthur Philips.	*S. W. Thompson.
*David Walkinshaw.	*C. F. Walter.
John R. Roe.	Edson Treadwell.

MURRAY POST NO. 168, MAPLE CITY.

Chartered August 11, 1883.

Membership 18.

Commander, Wm. L. Bickle.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Marvin LaCore.	N. W. Harrington.
J. W. Dickerman.	Wm. Bickle.
A. S. Fritz.	John Dayo.
Chester McIntyre.	Abner S. Fritz.

LUMBARD POST NO. 170, PETOSKEY.

Chartered August 11, 1883.

Membership 61.

Delegate.

F. J. Smith.

Commander, W. R. Montgomery.

Alternate.

Geo. Barnes.

Past Commanders.

Ora E. Clark.
V. A. Baker.
Chas. B. Henika.
James Buckley.
*Melvin Burch.
Horace Pardee.
A. F. Ruck.
T. S. Langridge.

*Edwin A. Duntun.
H. A. Crull.
Alex. Worden.
Thos. McCabe.
Thos. Keyes.
Edward W. Tracy.
Wilbur F. Lawton.

JULIUS T. BARETT POST NO. 173, CARSON CITY.

Chartered August 22, 1883.

Membership 46.

Delegate.

A. R. Isham.

Commander, Geo. Sanderson.

Alternate.

*A. Knapp.

Past Commanders.

*C. H. Morse.
*Geo. W. Garner.
*L. M. Lyon.
H. M. Howell.
W. A. Sweet.
*Jas. F. Fillmore.
J. K. Ackley.
A. A. Richardson.

Alex. McCuaig.
A. J. Chambers.
Geo. R. Gibbs.
*G. D. VanDusen.
C. A. Hamlin.
D. M. Shelley.
Frank Frilmace.

E. B. STILES POST NO. 174, HANCOCK.

Chartered August 30, 1883.

Membership 26.

Delegate.

Chas. Smith.

Commander, Graham Pope.

Alternate.

W. H. Mason.

Past Commanders.

A. J. Scott.
W. H. Mason.
Chas. Smith.

Arno Jachnig.
H. B. Rogers.

C. F. SMITH POST NO. 175, ESCANABA.

Chartered September 1, 1883.

Membership 12.

Delegate.

Hiram Wellman.

Commander, Emil Glaser.

Alternate.

August Nehls.

Past Commanders.

A. H. Rolph.
Norman A. Eddy.
John Power.

John G. Walters.
Samuel Atkins.
Emil Glaser.

MONTCALM POST NO. 176, STANTON.

Chartered December 6, 1895.

Membership 19.

Delegate.

Wm. H. Logan.

Commander, Chas. W. Blumberg.

Alternate.

Thos. E. Dunn.

Past Commanders.

James C. Percival.
E. D. Childs.
Henry M. Hempstead.
Asa Morse.
John C. Grooms.

Chas. H. Miner.
Geo. E. Barber.
Edwin Porter.
Chas. W. Blumberg.
John Steele.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

CHAS. S. TRAVERSE POST NO. 177, CAPAC.

Chartered August 17, 1883.

Membership 22.

Delegate.

A. C. Fairbrother.

Commander, A. C. Fairbrother.

Alternate.

R. M. Curtiss.

Past Commanders.

A. C. Fairbrother.
R. C. McNaught.
Andrew Curry.
Chester Williams.
Fred Ross.

Ezra S. Frantz.
Wm. C. Huggett.
A. A. Smith.
B. I. Wade.

TOM CUSTER POST NO. 178, SHERIDAN.

Chartered August 29, 1883.

Membership 13.

Delegate.

*Sam'l Sage.

Commander, A. T. Willyard.

Alternate.

Alf. Mitchell.

Past Commanders.

Samuel Sage.
Daniel Fero.
Lorenzo Allen.

D. A. Pond.
C. D. Harris.
A. J. Greenhoe.

DEWITT C. RUSSELL POST NO. 179, BRIGHTON.

Chartered August 30, 1883.

Membership 22.

Delegate.

John W. Fulton.

Commander, L. H. Westphale.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Wm. W. Pentlin.
Wm. Halleck.
Mark Featherly.
James Shanks.

H. P. Martin.
Daniel Smith.
Thos. Stoken.
G. J. Roetcke.

CARPENTER POST NO. 180, YPSILANTI.

Chartered August 30, 1883.

Membership 57.

Delegate.

*Nelson B. Tuttle.

Commander, S. A. Ferguson.

Alternate.

James B. Arms.

Past Commanders.

*E. P. Allen.
*J. O. Chapman.
S. B. Merness.
J. F. Wise.
Jerome Allen.
Eugene Holbrook.
C. S. Barrett.
*H. C. Rankin.

D. W. Shipman.
J. H. Woodman.
H. S. Boutell.
A. D. L. Kinsley.
J. C. Tuttle.
Frank Joslyn.
O. P. Showers.
Peter Stiffin.

HEBER LE FAVOUR POST NO. 181, MILFORD.

Chartered September 3, 1883.

Membership 83.

Delegates.

Asa Prior.

*Albert Manypenny.

*Commander, James D. Rowe.

Alternates.

William Osborn.
Chas. Everts.

Past Commanders.

Walter Crawford.
 Lyman Cate.
 O. D. Stephens.
 John W. Stevens.
 Willis L. Smith.
 Alex. J. McCall.
 Andrew Muir.
 J. F. Beaumont.

Robt. F. Potts.
 Geo. W. Sturdevant.
 *Joseph Allen.
 *Judson Fielden.
 H. Walter Nichols.
 Spencer D. Lee.
 H. A. Rexford.
 Samuel W. McCall.

HENRY DOBSON POST NO. 182, FREMONT.

Chartered September 18, 1883.

Membership 66.

Delegate.

Thomas Preston.

Commander, S. G. Allen.

Alternate.

Wm. McEwan.

Past Commanders.

C. I. Rathbone.
 E. E. Giddings.
 Daniel Squiers.
 A. M. Phelps.

F. A. Bacon.
 *S. G. Allen.
 M. D. Cole.

J. B. McPHERSON POST NO. 183, HOLLY.

Chartered September 20, 1883.

Membership 13.

Delegate.

Jos. Halstead.

Commander, D. E. Hathaway.

Alternate.

G. L. Smith.

Past Commanders.

Silas Fletcher.
 D. W. Thompson.
 Frank Downey.

L. M. Newell.
 Edwin J. Eisinberg.

JOHN BROWN POST NO. 184, DETROIT.

Chartered September 24, 1883.

Membership 14.

Delegate.

Isaac Fielder.

*Commander, Geo. W. Moore.

Alternate.

Othello Cusby.

Past Commanders.

Samuel Smith.

Isaac Fielder.

HACKETT POST NO. 185, BRONSON.

Chartered September 25, 1883.

Membership 42.

Delegate.

David Gibbs.

*Commander, Robt. Hurst.

Alternate.

Frederick Gintling.

Past Commanders.

Charles Hamilton.
 *Henry Lilly.
 *David Gibbs.
 Geo. H. Bolton.
 Richard Coward.
 Roman L. Whipple.

Frank E. Hadley.
 James P. Allen.
 Wells Knapp.
 Lyman Carpenter.
 Daniel Rich.

FRANK POWELL POST NO. 187, OXFORD.

Chartered September 27, 1883.

Membership 34.

Delegate.

*Jesse L. Housner.

Commander, W. O. Davis.

Alternate.

Delos Carpenter.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Past Commanders.

C. H. Crawford.
Gleason F. Perry.
L. L. Hoffman.

*H. E. Nichols.
W. O. Davis.

GEO. C. WHITNEY POST NO. 188, HADLEY.

Chartered October 5, 1883.

Membership 24.

Commander, Lucius Sanborn.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Geo. Thompson.
J. P. Suiter.
N. N. Green.

Geo. A. Cramton.
F. M. Goodale.
Lucius Sanborn.

WALLACE BROWN POST NO. 190, BIRCH RUN.

Chartered October 12, 1883.

Membership 13.

Commander, Wm. H. Ferguson.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Benj. Fisher.

James Brady.

Past Commanders.

W. H. Ferguson.
John Cook.
Wm. H. H. Douglas.

Victor B. Rottiers.
Richard M. Johnson.
John Irish.

O. J. FAST POST NO. 193, MENDON.

Chartered October 19, 1883.

Membership 21.

*Commander, Geo. A. Stevens.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Peter Seas.

Chas. Damon.

Past Commanders.

*Henry Huff.
John Jones.
John Larkin.

Geo. A. Stevens.
Geo. W. Wing.
D. M. Eveland.

JAMES BRADLEY POST NO. 194, CLIO.

Chartered October 28, 1883.

Membership 33.

Commander, J. Sloan.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

A. D. Rundlet.

A. U. Webster.

Past Commanders.

James L. Curry.
W. H. Sargent.
W. H. Russell.
Chas. Wolson.

J. W. Buffinn.
E. E. Eckles.
Geo. Van Nest.
J. Lonsberry.

L. C. WOODMAN POST NO. 196, LAWTON.

Chartered October 28, 1883.

Membership 44.

*Commander, Benjamin Burlington.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Harvy Harper.

James Ward.

Past Commanders.

Melvin Hayes.
*George Beldon.
*John Mahard.
Smith Miller.
*Jerome Stone.
*James H. Hall.

*Chas. D. Hooper.
E. F. Newell.
Benj. Burlington.
Geo. Erwin.
Samuel Mahon.

JOHN TUCKER POST NO. 197, ORTONVILLE.

Chartered November 2, 1883.

Membership 21.

Delegate.

*Frank Thayer.

Commander, Wm. Moore.

Alternate.

Alonzo Flagler.

Past Commanders.

Delos Adams.

Wm. H. Moore.

J. R. Kipp.

F. M. Jones.

W. O. Davis.

JAMES STEDMAN POST NO. 198 REED CITY.

Chartered November 5, 1883.

Membership 25.

Delegate.

*Chas. Randall.

Commander, Jerry Mann.

Alternate.

W. W. Corbett.

Past Commanders.

Chas. Randall.

David Randall.

Daniel Donivan.

W. W. Corbett.

R. Russell.

Charles Williams.

H. C. Stoddard.

Jerry Mann.

Adolph Florida.

PERRY BAKER POST NO. 200, CARLETON.

Chartered November 15, 1883.

Membership 21.

Delegate.

C. Burke.

Commander, Geo. H. Post.

Alternate.

F. Ballin.

Past Commanders.

H. D. Smith.

John Baker.

F. R. Hawley.

J. Fahnestock.

*W. C. Watson.

Walter Viles.

F. Ballin.

M. L. Baker.

MCGINLEY POST NO. 201, MANISTEE.

Chartered December 6, 1883.

Membership 31.

Delegate.

Wm. Nungesser.

Commander, E. W. Muenschner.

Alternate.

Jas. R. Lee.

Past Commanders.

Geo. A. Hart.

Wm. F. Brain.

Allen McKee.

J. F. Albro.

J. L. Manseau.

ALBERT NYE POST NO. 202, ROMEO.

Chartered December 13, 1883.

Membership 20.

Delegate.

Robt. Austin.

*Commander, Freeborn H. Price.

Alternate.

M. Crawford.

Past Commanders.

Freeborn Price.

William Smith.

O. D. Thompson.

O. S. Perry.

S. Vandecar.

George A. Hines.

H. S. White.

G. H. EWING POST NO. 203, STOCKBRIDGE.

Chartered December 14, 1883.

Membership 24.

Delegate.

Commander, E. G. Pierce.

Alternate.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Past Commanders.

E. B. Parks.
 *A. G. Miller.
 F. A. Stephen.

Lucius Bowdish.
 W. H. Collins.

L. B. QUACKENBUSH POST NO. 205, OWOSSO.

Chartered December 21, 1883.

Membership 78.

*Commander, Duane C. Cooper.

Delegates.

*Leonard S. Bowles.
 H. C. Everetts.

Alternates.

*Chas. Jackson.
 Gotlieb Rues.

Past Commanders.

*Chas. Freeman.
 *Julius Friesseke.
 *O. F. Webster.
 *Chas. L. Paris.
 J. H. Moyses.
 *M. C. Dawes.
 Willard Knapp.

*W. R. Smith.
 Robert Gray.
 *John Q. Adams.
 Thos. M. Wiley.
 *Wm. Guipe.
 S. W. Sadler.

MAJOR WEBER POST NO. 206, BELLAIRE.

Chartered December 21, 1883.

Membership 25.

Commander, James White.

Delegate.

John Bush.

Alternate.

C. S. Smith.

Past Commanders.

Henry W. Stewart.
 Roswell Leavitt.
 Wm. J. May.
 James White.

Silas York.
 James C. Abbott.
 Elijah Baker.
 F. W. Bechtold.

GEORGE A. CUSTER POST NO. 208, GALIEN.

Chartered December 28, 1883.

Membership 21.

Commander, Samuel Jackson.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Henry Keefer.
 Wm. H. Beach.
 Alonzo Goodenough.
 B. F. Yaw.

Dan W. Swem.
 Wm. F. Swem.
 Geo. Roberts.
 John Penwell.

ELI ALVORD POST NO. 209, MONTGOMERY.

Chartered December 27, 1883.

Membership 20.

Commander, C. W. Hall.

Delegate.

E. A. Cahon.

Alternate.

B. A. Cook.

Past Commanders.

E. R. Fitzsimmons.
 C. W. Hall.
 C. R. Dillon.
 H. Bigbey.

C. J. Reynolds.
 Robt. Kelso.
 T. D. Butler.

E. H. HOLLINGSWORTH POST NO. 210, ALBION.

Chartered January 4, 1884.

Membership 49.

Commander, R. R. Robinson.

Delegate.

*R. H. McWithy.

Alternate.

C. B. Hungerford.

Past Commanders.

*O. G. Hubbard.
S. D. Wiley.
W. E. Bregette.
*J. H. Perine.
*C. F. Smith.
*O. S. Stevens.

*W. M. Loder.
Wm. Hastings.
F. E. Palmer.
*H. F. Gilbert.
J. O. Banks.

WM. H. BORDEN POST NO. 211, IONIA.

Chartered December 28, 1883.

Membership 97.

Commander, J. L. Fowle.

Delegates.

C. A. Preston.
*Justin Beadle.

Alternates.

N. L. Brokins.
John Greenman.

Past Commanders.

*J. H. Kidd.
M. M. Currier.
James H. Laden.
*O. H. Perry.
*C. A. Cornell.
A. H. Heath.
H. C. Hilton.

J. L. Fowle.
M. L. Pike.
D. A. Jewell.
Chas. Eyster.
F. S. Hutchinson.
I. Buck.

JOS. B. MASON POST NO. 213, BELLEUVE.

Chartered January 4, 1884.

Membership 34.

Commander, Geo. Wooley.

Delegate.

*R. B. Bishop.

Alternate.

Alfred Fruin.

Past Commanders.

J. A. Burchard.
L. B. Cook.
Alex. McKenzie.
G. F. Anson.
Wm. Hawley.
M. W. Hawley.

F. Hughes.
R. B. Bishop.
Henry Dilno.
Geo. P. Stevens.
*S. W. Gibson.

WM. RICHARDSON POST NO. 214, MILLINGTON.

Chartered January 4, 1884.

Membership 20.

Commander, Asa M. Davis.

Delegate.

Daniel Storms.

Alternate.

William H. Roe.

Past Commanders.

Samuel Atwood.
*Elijah Howard.
Freeman W. Fittsworth.
*Irving Van Wagnor.
Wm. I. Markes.
John A. Case.
Edward Caine.

P. P. Cone.
Ruben Wilber.
Wm. N. Storms.
Sheldon Webster.
Wm. J. Hains.
Isaac T. Damon.
L. J. Beers.

JOSEPH SMITH POST NO. 215, FULTON.

Chartered January 12, 1884.

Membership 22.

Commander, J. N. Barker.

Delegate.

Jonithan Weaver.

Alternate.

Jacob Hampton.

Past Commanders.

U. C. Case.
*Arthur Longman.
*A. A. Holcomb.
J. N. Barker.

*Warren Mullen.
*O. M. Gates.
*H. H. Kindig.
*L. U. Lyon.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

H. D. TERRY POST NO. 216, MT. CLEMENS.

Chartered January 7, 1884.

Membership 38.

Commander, Gilbert Lacroix.

Delegate.

*Samuel Fuller.

Alternate.

Nelson H. Miller.

Past Commanders.

Judson S. Farrar.

Wm. Jenney.

Samuel Trew.

Rozell Widrig.

Louis A. Allor.

Joseph Immen.

*J. F. Cotton.

Geo. W. Robertson.

James A. Price.

M. L. Skillman.

Edwin Tharrett.

August Steitzer.

James Wade.

W. B. WELLS POST NO. 218, LUTHER.

Chartered January 8, 1884.

Membership 39.

Commander, Chas. B. Streeter.

Delegate.

Ernest Nichoson.

Alternate.

*Henry Cutler.

Past Commanders.

A. Woodruff.

A. A. Miner.

G. Gundrum.

Jobe Brewer.

Dulicene Stoughton.

A. Ferris.

J. W. Nichoson.

N. R. Menold.

Wm. Judd.

HENRY BAXTER POST NO. 219, JONESVILLE.

Chartered January 10, 1884.

Membership 8.

Commander, Geo. W. Coffin.

Delegate.

C. B. Fisk.

Alternate.

S. R. Betgan.

Past Commanders.

S. J. Snook.

Dorr Darling.

Eli H. Reynolds.

M. Bliss.

Wm. Cooley.

G. W. Coffin.

H. J. Riggs.

BRADLEY POST NO 221, HARRISON.

Chartered January 16, 1884.

Membership 17.

Commander, H. W. Hughes.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***HENRY C. BEEBE POST NO. 223, RICHMOND.**

Chartered February 7, 1884.

Membership 27.

Commander, John E. Davis.

Delegate.

E. S. Hunt.

Alternate.

William Van Norstrand.

Past Commanders.

Culver Patterson.

A. M. Keeler.

James Quick.

Edwin J. Walton.

Dayton J. Lewis.

Alex. Van Brocklin.

S. H. Heath.

Cyrus Withey.

Geo. Shipman.

BUDDOCK POST NO. 224, CHEBOYGAN.

Chartered February 8, 1884.

Membership 23.

Delegate.

Geo. V. Brill.

Commander, Geo. P. Humphrey.

Alternate.

John Baker.

Past Commanders.

Geo. P. Humphrey.

Geo. V. Brill.

John Baker.

E. A. Bouchard.

Robt. Brahman.

C. S. Ramsey.

Wm. N. Cross.

GEO. MARTIN POST NO. 227, EAST PORT.

Chartered February 22, 1884.

Membership 28.

Delegate.

S. B. Anway.

Commander, J. O. McEwen.

Alternate.

W. H. Blow.

Past Commanders.

J. S. Arnold.

Dr. C. Chamberlain.

John McPherson.

Daniel Blakely.

J. R. Child.

Wm. Greenman.

A. W. Whitney.

G. T. Bentley.

H. H. Chamberlain.

FAIRCHILD'S POST NO. 228, GRASS LAKE.

Chartered February 22, 1884.

Membership 20.

Delegate.

Edwin Sterns.

Commander, Thos. Durbin.

Alternate.

A. M. Sona.

Past Commanders.

E. L. Cooper.

Martin Hoofnagle.

John Erwin.

John W. Ford.

HARVEY TUCKER POST NO. 229, MARINE CITY.

Chartered February 22, 1884.

Membership 14.

Delegate.

August Horn.

Commander, Alex. Stearns.

Alternate.

Chas. Barney.

Past Commanders.

John W. Ackley.

Geo. Hornbusel.

Wm. Baird.

Wm. Kiddle.

Henry S. Manchester.

Alex. Stearns.

EDDY POST NO. 231, PLYMOUTH.

Chartered February 22, 1884.

Membership 10.

Delegate.

M. R. Weeks.

Commander, Walter Kenster.

*Alternate.**Past Commander.***MILO WARNER POST NO. 232, CASS CITY.**

Chartered February 27, 1884.

Membership 15.

Delegate.

Geo. S. Farrar.

Commander, D. P. Deming.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

J. M. Fenn.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

OSCAR BARTLETT POST NO. 233, WALES.

Chartered February 4, 1884.

Membership 22.

Delegate.

Orville Cowles.

Commander, Wm. Baldock.

Alternate.

A. L. Peck.

Past Commanders.

William Grunwell.

Henry Maurer.

Elihu Ackerman.

H. C. Mudge.

Wm. Smith.

Newell Bowen.

B. M. Jenne.

Geo. White.

Jos. Nestle.

O. H. READ POST NO. 234, HUBBARDSTON.

Chartered March 4, 1884.

Membership 25.

Delegate.

Marion F. Graham.

Commander, J. A. Churchill.

Alternate.

Henry Barrone.

Past Commanders.

E. H. Smith.

J. A. Churchill.

A. A. Moore.

H. W. Hitchcock.

H. W. Brown.

*A. S. Harris.

E. C. Read.

WALTER CLIFFORD POST NO. 235, BOYNE CITY.

Chartered March 20, 1884.

Membership 21.

Delegate.

*Commander, John A. Newvill.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

John A. Newvill.

F. M. Gates.

John Jones.

Wm. Mears.

PETER A. WEBER POST NO. 237, ROCKFORD.

Chartered March 20, 1884.

Membership 23.

Delegate.

E. W. Pain.

Commander, Chas. A. Jaqua.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

E. C. Watkins.

A. L. Picket.

G. A. Sage.

C. F. Sears.

Chas. A. Haner.

James Eadie.

D. L. Reynolds.

RANDALL POST NO. 238, COOPERSVILLE.

Chartered March 13, 1884.

Membership 14.

Delegate.

Henry Ferguson.

*Commander, E. L. Washburn.

Alternate.

Geo. Haas.

Past Commanders.

*John Jackson.

Eli Karney.

John Cavney.

Hiram Ames.

MARVIN POST NO. 240, GRAYLING.

Chartered March 20, 1884.

Membership 28.

Delegate.

Daniel Hitchcock.

*Commander, Dan. S. Waldron.

Alternate.

A. E. Newman.

Past Commanders.

O. Palmer.
A. L. Pond.
A. C. Wilcox.
Adelbert Taylor.

*Dell Smith.
W. S. Chalker.
*Dan S. Waldron.

FRANK MASON POST NO. 242, ATHENS.

Chartered April 5, 1884.

Membership 21.

*Commander, J. E. Mason.

Delegate.

*Joel Lee.

Alternate.

Elias Foote.

Past Commanders.

*B. F. Taylor.
Herman T. Watkins.
Jas. E. Mason.
Henry Kahler.

Jas. Oldacre.
Joel Lee.
Elias Foote.
James H. Paul.

JOSEPH MASON POST NO. 248, WAGOSTA.

Chartered April 25, 1884.

Membership 20.

Commander, L. F. Conrad.

Delegate.

L. F. Conrad.

Alternate.

G. W. Watson.

Past Commanders.

Quincy L. Taylor.
Geo. W. Watson.
Alex. Dixon.

Henry J. Burnes.
Chas. F. Andrus.

WA-BU-NO POST NO. 250, MT. PLEASANT.

Chartered April 24, 1884.

Membership 67.

Commander, Samuel J. Morrison.

Delegate.

J. R. Jameson.

Alternate.

James Hoag.

Past Commanders.

*John A. Harris.
H. E. Deuel.

Warner Churchill.
Samuel R. Morrison.

J. T. JONES POST NO. 252, HOWARD CITY.

Chartered April 29, 1884.

Membership 46.

*Commander, L. L. Church.

Delegate.

*B. C. Moore.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

*Geo. M. Doty.
C. Walling.
J. N. Clark.

O. J. Knapp.
J. A. Dockeway.
L. L. Church.

LONSON POST NO. 255, MAYVILLE.

Chartered May 29, 1884.

Membership 25.

Commander, Wm. Grasbuer.

Delegate.

Robt. Fox.

Alternate.

A. L. M. Ulrich.

Past Commanders.

A. B. Markham.
*J. R. Perry.
F. C. Michael.
J. W. Janes.

Geo. Richards.
Geo. Pierce.
F. H. Kitchen.
*A. L. Bryant.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

WM. M. FENTON POST NO. 258, ST. IGNACE.

Chartered June 21, 1884.

Membership 20.

Commander, D. P. Bissell.

Delegate.

Frank S. Walker.

Alternate.

A. J. Gennell.

*Past Commanders.*Jesse Warren.
H. B. Cornell.
W. H. Cushing.J. B. Tawlyn.
S. A. Snyder.**A. STEWART POST NO. 259, LITCHFIELD.**

Chartered June 24, 1884.

Membership 34.

Commander, L. A. Howard.

Delegate.

*Henry Burns.

Alternate.

John Austin.

*Past Commanders.*Wm. Shepard.
*Frank Barber.
Chas. P. White.
O. H. Chapman.Cor. Hadley.
*E. A. Shattuck.
Wm. Van Giesen.
Frank Barber.**CORY POST NO. 261, WAYNE.**

Chartered July 12, 1884.

Membership 30.

Commander, Curtis Brace.

Delegate.

Henry Lees.

Alternate.

O. L. Howard.

*Past Commanders.*F. Walden.
Leroy Adams.
A. S. Hill.
Peter C. Bird.
Chas. Newkirk.S. R. Kingsley.
Robert Bird.
Joseph Smith.
R. Monroe.
Duffy Duquett.**A. C. VAN RAALTE POST NO. 262, HOLLAND.**

Chartered July 17, 1884.

Membership 35.

*Commander, John Zwemer.

Delegate.

*Louis De Kraker.

Alternate.

G. Van Schelven.

*Past Commanders.**John Kramer.
Peter D. Suiter.
*Benj. Van Raalte.
*P. H. McBride.*D. B. K. Van Raalte.
Peter Walnes.
*A. J. Ward.**GEN. HARKER POST NO. 263, VANDERBILT.**

Chartered July 7, 1884.

Membership 18.

Commander, Martin J. Sehl.

Delegate.

Daniel Cough.

Alternate.

A. Van Auken.

*Past Commanders.*N. C. G. Ashley.
T. C. Woodin.
W. H. Claspill.
John G. Berry.Royal Stone.
G. C. Crissey.
T. C. Woodin.
Francis Warner.

JACKSON COREY POST NO. 264, WOLVERINE.

Chartered June, 1904.

Membership 11.

Delegate.

Commander, O. M. Corey.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

A. W. Eck.

E. G. Beebe.

LYON POST NO. 266, MENOMINEE.

Chartered August 2, 1884.

Membership 27.

Delegate.

Commander, Alonzo Dunning.

Alternate.

A. B. BeDell.

A. W. Bill.

Past Commanders.

A. Whitehorn.

A. B. BeDell.

Andrew Gram.

J. C. Sherman.

A. B. Wells.

M. Durocher.

A. W. Bill.

Ira Carley.

C. H. Jones.

MARK THOMPSON POST NO. 269, PLAINWELL.

Chartered August 6, 1884.

Membership 30.

Delegate.

*Commander, O. Tomlinson.

Alternate.

John Fletcher.

C. H. Macomber.

Past Commanders.

*Chas. Mason.

*John B. Swan.

*Chas. Adams.

H. S. Stratton.

*W. D. Talbot.

B. L. Kahler.

*John H. Madden.

Arthur Hazelwood.

F. A. BUHL POST NO. 270, ECORSE.

Chartered February 27, 1890.

Membership 22.

Delegate.

*Commander, Peter Rives.

Alternate.

*William Coleman.

Harvey B. Perkins.

Past Commanders.

Lewis Montry.

Euphratus Ross.

John Conard.

Justin R. Warner.

John Todd.

BOYS-IN-BLUE POST NO. 271, MECOSTA.

Chartered August 15, 1884.

Membership 17.

Delegate.

*Commander, Chas. Hinman.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Joseph Linebaugh.

J. B. Wilcox.

F. J. Shaler.

William Lowree.

LUCIUS TAYLOR POST NO. 274, MILAN.

Chartered September 1, 1884.

Membership 33.

Delegate.

Commander, James Delaforse.

Alternate.

Walter P. Draper.

A. Woodmancy.

Past Commanders.

A. D. Jackson.

*James E. Johnson.

*John Steidler.

D. Case.

Amos Wisdom.

S. H. Evans.

Wesley Robison.

Herbert Taylor.

Chas. A. Heath.

John A. Jackson.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

LEWIS CLARK POST NO. 275, OLIVET.

Chartered September 8, 1884.

Membership 19.

Commander, James H. Bosworth.

Delegate.

Isaiah Stump.

Alternate.

J. A. Sloan.

Past Commanders.

Geo. W. Keyes.

N. D. Lamphear.

Geo. Galusha.

James H. Bosworth.

W. E. C. Wright.

Geo. W. Sweet.

Lester B. Taggart.

Henry Ramalie.

S. K. May.

*M. H. Hance.

Wm. Rogers.

BRADFIELD POST NO. 276, ADA.

Chartered September 8, 1884.

Membership 17.

Commander, W. W. Thomas.

Delegate.

R. B. Harris.

Alternate.

Chas. F. Holt.

Past Commanders.

Chas. F. Holt.

Alfred Turner.

*Wm. Lawyer.

John Hulbert.

W. F. Dickerson.

William Grant.

David W. Winters.

*James H. Martin.

H. S. BURNETT POST NO. 278, WEST BAY CITY.

Chartered September 12, 1884.

Membership 17.

Commander, H. Florance.

Delegate.

*Wm. Barrett.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

W. I. Lee.

Geo. A. Allen.

A. W. Dorland.

H. H. Alpin.

E. T. Carrington.

PERKINS POST NO. 279, SPRING LAKE.

Chartered September 16, 1884.

Membership 9.

Commander, M. Walsh.

Delegate.

G. S. Rideout.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

C. P. Brown.

M. T. Reed.

Geo. Valmer.

G. S. Rideout.

E. J. Purim.

AMOS E. STEELE POST NO. 280, NORTH MUSKEGON.

Chartered September 17, 1884.

Membership 15.

Commander, Samuel M. Croft.

Delegate.

*Joseph Wixson.

Alternate.

John Lynder.

Past Commanders.

Chas. E. Storrs.

Zoar H. Bates.

Joseph Avery.

M. Stilson.

B. L. Andrews.

Geo. R. Kinsman.

MORGAN PARKER POST NO. 281, PETERSBURG.

Chartered October 18, 1884.

Membership 22.

Commander, J. M. Elder.

Delegate.

William Bentsneider.

Alternate.

Joseph Proctor.

Past Commanders.

H. J. Brenningstall.

Josiah M. Elder.

SAMUEL W. GRINNELL POST NO. 283, SUNFIELD.

Chartered October 23, 1884.

Membership 22.

Delegate.

Spencer Leigh.

Commander, William Edwins.

Alternate.

Geo. Richard.

Past Commanders.

E. W. Taylor.
Geo. Richards.
B. Peabody.
T. Lusk.
Wm. Edwins.

A. Kreamer.
I. Eldred.
C. Richards.
L. M. Peck.
F. Linhart.

HENRY H. KNAPP POST NO. 284, DAVISON.

Chartered October 16, 1884.

Membership 22.

Delegate.

John F. Courtright.

Commander, Josiah Langley.

Alternate.

John Harrison.

Past Commanders.

L. D. McAllister.
Wm. M. Knapp.
L. G. Adams.
A. A. Elmore.
B. F. Sanford.
J. Cottrell.
M. H. Hewitt.

J. Cooley.
Alex. Campbell.
C. B. Smith.
S. A. Comstock.
Wm. N. Monroe.
John Reeser.

COL. STEWART POST NO. 285, TUSTIN.

Chartered October 28, 1884.

Membership 20.

Delegate.

Hugh M. Lamb.

Commander, J. W. Loomis.

Alternate.

Chas. Forbs.

Past Commanders.

R. H. Jones.

John Stansell.

FRANK FOWLER POST NO. 286, FIPE LAKE.

Chartered October 28, 1884.

Membership 24.

Delegate.

H. E. Davis.

Commander, H. E. Davis.

Alternate.

W. E. Clark.

Past Commanders.

Geo. Hart.
A. M. Wansey.
Miles Bryant.

D. McAley.
W. E. Clarke.
Wm. Wells.

B. F. CHAPIN POST NO. 287, CHESHIRE.

Chartered November 9, 1884.

Membership 16.

Delegate.

*Cyrus Klapp.

*Commander, C. V. Nash.

Alternate.

John Richardson.

Past Commanders.

*R. C. Harmon.
*W. G. Rowe.
*James H. Barkhead.

W. H. Stout.
S. S. Stout.
G. W. Lewis.

JOHN H. ANDREWS POST NO. 288, LACOTA.

Chartered March 3, 1890.

Membership 26.

Delegate.

Charles Potter

*Commander, Geo. L. Bliss.

Alternate.

J. H. Sands.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Past Commanders.

E. Deming.
 *L. Dalrymple.
 Zenoa Woody.
 D. A. Beebe.

*H. P. Gillespie.
 Bently Cook.
 R. S. Chappell.

HENRY C. PRATT POST NO. 289, MACKINAC ISLAND.

Chartered December 2, 1884.

Membership 13.

*Commander, Dan'l B. Mills.

Delegate.

Geo. E. Rogers.

Alternate.

Adolphus St. Andre.

Past Commanders.

Wm. P. Preston.
 Theodore Reiths.
 Andrew Chapman.
 Benoni Lachance.
 P. McCormick.

John McWebster.
 Patrick Kerrigan.
 Geo. W. Marshall.
 Gregory Lambert.
 Edwin M. Coates.

ANDREWS POST NO. 294, BIG RAPIDS.

Chartered January 15, 1885.

Membership 43.

Commander, D. D. Shannon.

Delegates.

*Frank Rice.
 *W. P. Nisbett.

Alternates.

E. Hogle.
 A. C. Berge.

Past Commanders.

D. E. Stearns.
 Geo. M. Davidson.
 W. D. Moody.
 Geo. G. Jenkins.
 A. B. Knapp.

W. A. Whitney.
 W. Miller.
 F. O. Vandersluis.
 Geo. M. Gotchell.
 M. Brown.
 E. C. Moore.

E. H. BRONSON POST NO. 295, GALESBURG.

Chartered February 7, 1885.

Membership 21.

*Commander, A. A. Russell.

Delegate.

*J. K. Plumer.

Alternate.

Andrew Aller.

Past Commanders.

A. A. Russell.
 *A. E. Stafford.

R. B. Mason.

SIMON MALLISON POST NO. 298, PIERPORT.

Chartered March 7, 1885.

Membership 24.

Commander, Dean A. Hull.

Delegate.

Geo. E. Hill.

Alternate.

Leonard Reed.

Past Commanders.

J. L. Bradford.
 C. W. Perry.

L. C. Long.

ALBERT JACKSON POST NO. 300, MARQUETTE.

Chartered March 7, 1885.

Membership 30.

Commander, C. E. Moore.

Delegate.

R. P. Byrne.

Alternate.

J. S. Van Horn.

Past Commanders.

R. R. French.
 A. O. Kruger.
 John Dooley.

Chas. D. Blanchard.
 P. C. Beanston.
 *E. C. Anthony.

ORIN WHITCOMB POST NO. 302, BYRON CENTER.

Chartered March 30, 1885.

Membership 19.

Delegate.

Joe. Pattingall.

Commander, N. L. Thomas.

Alternate.

*Reuben F. Hanes.

Past Commanders.

*Lyman Havens.
 *L. L. Hickox.
 A. A. Palmer.
 A. M. Green.
 *N. F. Cooper.

W. F. Moorman.
 *W. Colley.
 D. S. Irwin.
 R. F. Hanes.
 *J. B. Morse.

BURSONS POST NO. 303, SCHOOLCRAFT.

Chartered April 16, 1885.

Membership 13.

Delegate.

*John Gilchrist.

Commander, Robt. E. Johnson.

Alternate.

M. S. Brown.

Past Commanders.

John Gilchrist.
 Will Fauckboner.
 Albert Cornell.
 *M. S. Burson.
 *E. B. Monroe.

Albert Wager.
 *Will Snyder.
 *Frank Carlton.
 *Jacob Bauer.

MILTON WILLIAMS POST NO. 304, CLIFFORD.

Chartered April 23, 1885.

Membership 12.

Delegate.

Wm. A. Montgomery.

Commander, S. E. Spencer.

Alternate.

*Samuel Hate.

Past Commanders.

Harrison Bradshaw.
 Geo. Irwin.
 A. W. Cline
 John Van Etten.

W. Montgomery.
 John Herenden.
 D. Asletien.

BACON POST NO. 305, FENWICK.

Chartered April 30, 1885.

Membership 8.

Delegate.

Commander, S. G. Wheaton.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.***M. E. ROGERS POST NO. 306, IMLAY CITY.**

Chartered May 9, 1885.

Membership 12.

Delegate.

Commander, W. Harwood.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.***WALTER ORR POST NO. 312, SCOTTS.**

Chartered June 27, 1885.

Membership 9.

Delegate.

Commander, C. T. S. Cook.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

HENRY DAGLE POST NO. 313, SOUTH BOARDMAN.

Chartered July 22, 1905.

Membership 10.

Delegate.

H. D. Lathrop.

Commander, Geo. Ives.

Alternate.

Peter Shannon.

Past Commanders.

John Dagle.

A. O. Clark.

WILTSIE POST NO. 314, SALINE.

Chartered June 12, 1885.

Membership 9.

Delegate.

Commander, D. B. Wheeler.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

E. W. Hunt.

CHAS. E. WENDELL POST NO. 316, GRANT.

Chartered July 30, 1885.

Membership 26.

Commander, F. M. Jackson.

G. J. HUDSON POST NO. 317, MATTAWAN.

Chartered August 17, 1885.

Membership 14.

Delegate.

*Ford Murch.

Commander, *Peter Benwire.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

*Albert Newkirk.

*J. M. Davidson.

*H. Freeman.

*B. F. Morris.

*L. G. Hunt.

Ford Murch.

ALLEN M. HARMAN POST NO. 318, NORTHVILLE.

Chartered August 22, 1885.

Membership 50

*Commander, Geo. F. Goodell.

Delegate.

*J. P. Moshimer.

Alternate.

Fred L. West.

Past Commanders.

*B. G. Webster.

T. P. Banks.

H. O. Ward.

*E. K. Starkweather.

*James Taylor.

J. W. Dolph.

*S. J. Lawrence.

*Andrew Houk.

*O. B. Moore.

James Hamilton.

*E. K. Simonds.

M. S. Nichols.

Henry M. White.

Thos. Calhoun.

*C. L. Brigham.

J. B. SACKETT POST NO. 320, PRAIRIEVILLE.

Chartered August 31, 1885.

Membership 18.

*Commander, Geo. Norwood.

Delegate.

N. H. Orr.

Alternate.

*I. H. Callender.

Past Commanders.

Geo. Norwood.

Mark Norris.

N. H. Orr.

F. A. Blackman.

GEO. J. LEIGHTON POST NO. 321, SPRINGPORT.

Chartered September 1, 1885.

Membership 15.

Delegate.

John Orrison.

Commander, Geo. Lininger.

Alternate.

W. J. Burgess.

*Past Commanders.*A. W. Soul.
Adam Craver.
Wm. Malcolm.
Geo. Lininger.*S. D. Curtis.
John Orrison.
H. B. Yoxheimer.
Clinton Faxon.**WILLIAM KERBY POST NO. 323, ASHLEY.**

Chartered September 14, 1885.

Membership 17.

Delegate.

Commander, David Duncan.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*Nathan Roof.
N. B. Bowker.
E. Z. Fuller.David Duncan.
O. J. Sprague.**W. B. STUART POST NO. 324, CRYSTAL.**

Chartered September 12, 1885.

Membership 10.

Commander, Chauncy Pickell.

O. D. JACKSON POST NO. 326, POTTERVILLE.

Chartered September 25, 1885.

Membership 10.

Delegate.

Nelson O. Merritt.

Commander, A. P. Goodwin.

Alternate.

Frank Milbourn.

*Past Commanders.*J. M. Henderson.
James Smalley.
A. P. Goodwin.N. O. Merritt.
Frank Milbourn.**MYRON HAWLEY POST NO. 328, NAPOLEON.**

Chartered October 1, 1885.

Membership 14.

Delegate.

*John Garlinghouse.

Commander, R. B. Tracy.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*Wm. R. Fuller.
Murry Hess.
I. Kilburn.
Edwin Price.
John Garlinghouse.
I. L. Hawley.A. P. Morris.
James Henderson.
L. A. Palmer.
V. Watson.
Wm. Drew.
L. M. Jones.**COL. H. H. JEFFORDS POST NO. 330, DEXTER.**

Chartered November 5, 1885.

Membership 11.

Delegate.

*L. C. Rodman.

Commander, Chas. F. Bates.

Alternate.

M. E. McNeil.

*Past Commanders.*L. C. Rodman.
H. H. Wilson.
James Hanna.M. E. McNeil.
C. F. Bates.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

C. E. HILTON POST NO. 336, EAST GILEAD.

Chartered January 21, 1886.

Membership 11.

Commander, Chas. Miller.

Delegate.

Henry A. Kinsey.

Alternate.

Morris B. Connett.

Past Commanders.

J. W. Parker.

Jackson Kanouse.

C. W. Spade.

Myron Aldrich.

C. H. Brooks.

Geo. O. Bixler.

Samuel German.

ALBERT SPERRY POST NO. 337, RAVENNA.

Chartered January 29, 1886.

Membership 13.

Commander, Orange Oaget.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Albro Enos.

Henry Walker.

Henry Hull.

John E. Hodgins.

Fred Plumbhoff.

Isaac R. Franks.

James E. Noble.

F. D. Hoogstraet.

MATHEW ARTIS POST NO. 341, CASSOPOLIS.

Chartered March 10, 1886.

Membership 13.

Commander, Abner R. Byrd.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Zachariah Pompy.

Solomon Griffin.

Past Commanders.

B. E. Curtis.

Abner R. Byrd.

E. H. LINCOLN POST NO. 343, SAULT STE. MARIE.

Chartered March 10, 1885.

Membership 13.

Commander, James A. Troutt.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Homer W. Hodge.

James Joyce.

Past Commander.

Wm. P. Spalding.

JOHN W. PURDY POST NO. 346, HAMILTON.

Chartered March 11, 1886.

Membership 12.

Commander, Jerry Arndt.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

M. W. Burnett.

J. N. Barlow.

Past Commanders.

Ben Laberge.

H. L. Beach.

John C. Holmes.

O. Hoard.

M. W. Burnett.

Geo. Edgley.

BILLY CENSON POST NO. 347, BRECKENRIDGE.

Chartered March 16, 1886.

Membership 27.

Commander, C. K. Fox.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Henry Allen.

Geo. Castello.

Past Commanders.

*W. H. Weed.

P. P. Vannorman.

Randolph Root.

J. B. Holbert.

Thos. Holton.

*Chas. Wolverton.

Charles Rooks.

C. K. Fox.

*Thos. B. Staley.

S. D. HAIGHT POST NO. 348, SCOTTVILLE.

Chartered March 27, 1886.

Membership 38.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, H. F. Yarick.	<i>Alternate.</i>
*J. C. Mutard.		W. W. Robinson.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Thomas Barnes.		H. M. Buty.
Henry Jenks.		James Meads.
A. J. Kinnie.		J. L. Toms.
J. W. Griswold.		W. D. Cowan.
F. Conrow.		

M. H. WHITNEY POST NO. 350, SAND LAKE.

Chartered April 9, 1886.

Membership 31.

<i>Delegate.</i>	*Commander, Wellington Rasco.	<i>Alternate.</i>
*M. V. Wilson.		S. M. Miller.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Wellington Rasco.		F. W. Hicks.
*Geo. H. Godfrey.		James Scutt.
Wm. Sleight.		Alanson Dickerson.
Edward Gould.		

GEO. ALLEN POST NO. 351, COVERT.

Chartered April 15, 1886.

Membership 12.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Theo. B. Randell.	<i>Alternate.</i>
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Jacob Gunssul.		Osmer Letson.
Geo W Morgan.		T. P. Randall.
W. F. Conner.		*O. D. Darling.

COMSTOCK POST NO. 352, MANCHESTER.

Chartered May 18, 1886.

Membership 31.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, S. R. Sherwood.	<i>Alternate.</i>
*H. H. Fellowes.		John Mount.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*James Kelley.		R. M. Teets.
George Nisle.		G. B. Sherwood.
*A. A. Stringham.		S. R. Sherwood.
T. F. Bushton.		M. N. Hough.
*G. H. Putman.		

JAMES P. COVELL POST NO. 354, PALO.

Chartered May 16, 1886.

Membership 19.

<i>Delegate.</i>	*Commander, Caleb Richardson.	<i>Alternate.</i>
John W. Howarth.		Benj. S. Everest.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*B. S. Everest.		Ira S. Jeffers.
Geo. Prankard.		Chas. M. North.
John W. Howarth.		Caleb Richardson.
Henry Barrows.		

F. B. MYERS POST NO. 357, GAGETOWN.

Chartered July 14, 1886.

Membership 10.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, C. F. Stearns.	<i>Alternate.</i>
*R. S. Brown.		Theodore Burden.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Past Commanders.

R. S. Brown.
L. Mathews.
E. Robertson.
Theo. Burden.

*W. J. Brown.
*W. J. Williamson.
C. F. Sterns.

BOWLEY POST NO. 358, CLAYTON.

Chartered July 12, 1886.

Membership 20.

Commander, H. F. Yarick.

Delegate.

*Harvey C. Dudley.

Alternate.

Byron Beach.

Past Commanders.

D. H. Warren.
A. E. Terwilliger.
B. F. Rockwell.
*Milton Townsend.
Will Hinds.
J. H. Badgley.

*John Murty.
J. C. Gambee.
S. Spencer.
D. B. Wisner.
John Wirtz.

CORBETT POST NO. 360, PALMYRA.

Chartered July 14, 1886.

Membership 23.

Commander, Geo. Southwick.

Delegate.

William Wood.

Alternate.

Henry Nash.

Past Commanders.

M. T. Cole.
Jared B. Bailey.
*E. Lewis.
Fred Bay.
*Wm. Wood.
*Geo. Williams.

John Bittey.
Richard Bailey.
*John Patterson.
Geo. Southwick.
*Squire Johnson.

KILBOURN POST NO. 361, SHERWOOD.

Chartered September 27, 1886.

Membership 20.

Commander, E. W. Watkins.

Delegate.

Peter Vanderhoof.

Alternate.

A. J. Snyder.

Past Commanders.

Henry Runyan.
James Locke.
C. H. Thornton.

E. W. Watkins.
Wm. Farrand.

C. B. HUBBELL POST NO. 364, COLEMAN.

Chartered October 28, 1886.

Membership 16.

Commander, Fred Hanley.

Delegate.

Calvin Rich.

Alternate.

S. Plew.

Past Commanders.

W. H. Saxton.
J. F. Koontz.
J. Kellogg.
F. Hanley.

H. Smason.
D. A. Curtice.
E. N. Carley.

CALDWELL POST NO. 365, LAKE CITY.

Chartered November 18, 1886.

Membership 41.

*Commander, W. Bartholomew.

Delegate.

John D. Ransom.

Alternate.

Elijah Hunt.

Past Commanders.

*M. D. Richardson.	N. Shults.
Wm. Bartholmew.	B. F. McManus.
*Wayne E. Morris.	H. S. Lamb.
*S. A. Phillips.	L. Charter.

GORDON POST NO. 366, WHITE CLOUD.

Chartered July 18, 1886.

Membership 24.

Commander, Wm. Kimball.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***F. VEENFLEET POST NO. 368, REESE.**

Chartered November 18, 1886.

Membership 8.

Commander, Thos. Gulliver.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

John M. Weaver.

Clark Randall.

Past Commanders.

D. Cole.

E. Shook.

J. G. Van Buren.

Jas. M. Higgins.

NOBLE POST NO. 369, GLADWIN.

Chartered January 3, 1887.

Membership 25.

Commander, Henry Madill.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Herbert Wheeler.

Geo. Rowley.

Past Commanders.

Wilson Haynes.

Enoch Robinson.

*John H. Robinson.

Chas. VanVolkenburg.

W. H. Kellogg.

W. B. HAZEN POST NO. 370, WEST BRANCH.

Chartered January 18, 1887.

Membership 22.

Commander, John Smith.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

John Boshaw.

W. H. Gard.

Past Commanders.

James E. Horton.

E. J. Goodell.

Benj. B. Priest.

John Smith.

John Boshaw.

A. H. FENN POST NO. 371, FENNVILLE.

Chartered February 3, 1887.

Membership 19.

Commander, Isaac Lameroux.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*W. H. McCormick.

Aritus Turrell.

Past Commanders.

A. Turell.

Robert Rouse.

John Sherman.

E. P. CASE POST NO. 372, BENZONIA.

Chartered March 5, 1887.

Membership 32.

Commander, Zenas E. Clark.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Geo. H. Hunt.

Geo. Hunt.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Past Commanders.

L. P. Judson.
 Jas. Montgomery.
 Roswell P. Reed.
 H. M. Stanley.
 John W. Van Deman.

J. C. Van Blarecoum.
 Wm. A. Joy.
 I. P. Covey.
 D. W. Phelps.

S. E. DOWNER POST NO. 374, PARMA.

Chartered March 9, 1887.

Membership 11.

Commander, H. C. Anderson.

Delegate.

Emory A. Miller.

Alternate.

R. B. Clark.

Past Commanders.

John P. Baker.
 O. A. Rogers.
 H. C. Anderson.
 Frank Hoag.
 Chas. Adams.

W. A. Matson.
 Geo. Schwab.
 Frank Gorton.
 J. R. Godfrey.

WM. P. EVERETT POST NO. 377, ROCHESTER.

Chartered April 1, 1887.

Membership 31.

Commander, Anthony O'Brien.

Delegate.

L. M. Peters.

Alternate.

R. Frank.

Past Commanders.

A. E. Collins.
 E. H. Dewey.
 J. R. Wortley.
 J. W. Eastman.
 W. J. Fraser.

A. O'Brien.
 J. J. Snook.
 N. B. Taylor.
 H. L. Wood.
 J. C. Vorhees.

JOHN STOCKTON POST NO. 380, NEW HAVEN.

Chartered April 23, 1887.

Membership 11.

*Commander, Geo. W. Dingman.

Delegate.

Wm. Campbell.

Alternate.

Wm. Betwee.

Past Commanders.

L. Lutenbacker.
 Geo. W. Dingman.

*J. E. Carl.

U. O. BRETZ POST NO. 382, LAKE ODESSA.

Chartered April 27, 1887.

Membership 36.

*Commander, Robert Musgrove.

Delegate.

*R. C. Blair.

Alternate.

Chauncy Fair.

Past Commanders.

Wallace Lovewell.
 *Edwin Tirman.
 John Bishop.
 *Thos. Leak.
 Robt. Musgrove.

Martin Cox.
 A. A. Walters.
 Wm. Fink.
 *S. H. Mallery.
 C. J. Yager.

C. B. WHEELER POST NO. 383, MARTIN.

Chartered May 19, 1887.

Membership 7.

*Commander, W. D. Stayman.

Delegate.

Thos. McCormick.

Alternate.

Rheuben Tenny.

Past Commanders.

W. D. Stayman.
 Thos. McCormick.
 Justus Barrup.

Rheuben Tenny.
 Sidney Baird.
 Samuel Fisk.

DETROIT POST NO. 384, DETROIT.

Chartered May 21, 1887.

Membership 104.

Delegates.

*Joseph S. Keen.
*Chas. R. Evarts.

*Commander, Nicholas Woods.

Alternates.

John Deuler.
Ransom B. Clark.

Past Commanders.

*Henry M. Duffield.
Thos. A. Wadsworth.
Marvin Preston.
Sidney B. Dixon.
*Oscar R. Looker.
Robert Gibbons.
*James N. Cox.
Wm. S. Green.
Wm. T. Gage.
Arba M. Seymour.
Chas. A. Cooledge.

S. M. Kent.
*Jacob Bristol.
A. H. Heath.
L. H. Chamberlain.
Frank C. Trowbridge.
Chas. G. Hampton.
Thos. S. McGraw.
*Alex. W. Blain.
*Oscar A. Janes.
*Oscar R. Looker.
Dayton Parker.

CHAS. GRIFFIN POST NO. 386, FARWELL.

Chartered July 21, 1887.

Membership 20.

Delegate.

H. Glass.

Commander, S. Coon.

Alternate.

J. H. Wood.

Past Commanders.

J. H. Wood.
*H. Glass.
Chas. H. Clark.

Wm. H. Ford.
S. Coon.

AINSWORTH POST NO. 392, RANSOM.

Chartered January 26, 1888.

Membership 15.

Delegate.

*W. H. Palmer.

Commander, W. L. Mapes.

Alternate.

Fred Wolf.

Past Commanders.

G. W. Hile.
W. L. Mapes.

P. M. Humiston.
W. H. H. Pettit.

MICHIGAN POST NO. 393, DETROIT.

Chartered April 4, 1888.

Membership 18.

Delegate.

*G. W. Blanchard.

*Commander, Joseph Doherty.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Jos. Doherty.
*John Griswold.
John H. Hendley.
Fred Kraft.

John Boylan.
Chas. Kaufman.
Orrin D. Darling.

A. P. EARLE POST NO. 394, WEXFORD.

Chartered April 15, 1888.

Membership 17.

Delegate.

J. Long.

*Commander, W. J. C. Davis.

Alternate.

J. Hanes.

Past Commanders.

John F. Paul.
*E. Bowerman.
A. Pringle.
Bruce Stewart.
W. R. Ferguson.
J. J. Carl.

Wm. J. C. Davis.
*J. S. Walling.
*N. Hanna.
A. F. Hopkins.
L. A. Crittenden.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

A. B. WATSON POST NO. 395, GRAND RAPIDS.

Chartered November 15, 1888.

Membership 101.

Commander, James S. French.

*Delegates.*Eugene Wood.
Chas. H. Goodrich.*Alternates.*H. C. Nichols.
Benj. Chapman.*Past Commanders.*W. T. Johnson.
*J. M. Wood.
*C. H. Fox.
*R. H. Lee.
*D. Z. Kline.
*C. M. Runyan.
*Edgar W. Wheeler.
N. H. Waldbridge.
W. H. Marston.
Geo. D. Barden.
Hanly A. Waldron.Wm. Walker.
John Knowlin.
J. R. Wyckoff.
*J. S. French.
Geo. R. Phillips.
*C. S. Wilson.
*J. Whinnery.
D. Delano.
*C. A. Beebee.
*Isaac Provost.
*Edwin H. Stein.**GEO. WARD POST NO. 398, BRANT.**

Chartered January, 1889.

Membership 19.

Commander, Henry Passmore.

Delegate.

David J. Webb.

Alternate.

*William J. Forbs.

*Past Commanders.*John Boone.
Alva Nichols.
Daniel Thompson.
Michael Cummings.
C. Cogswell.N. B. Richardson.
Perry Crane.
Geo. Rinenburg.
Willis Dibble.**WOOLSEY POST NO. 399, NORTHPORT.**

Chartered January 19, 1889.

Membership 10.

Commander, Ishmeal Comstock.

Delegate.

John Scott.

Alternate.

John Thomas.

*Past Commanders.*Wm. H. Porter.
John Scott.
I. Comstock.John Thomas.
Wm. B. Green.**BURLINGAME POST NO. 402, AKRON.**

Chartered April 23, 1889.

Membership 12.

Commander, L. C. Wilbur.

Delegate.

Zac. Hess.

Alternate.

Wm. Sherwood

*Past Commanders.*John Graham.
E. G. Mathews.
Leonard James.
E. A. Dickey.
John Paul.J. B. Goings.
*Geo. J. Dart.
Wm. Gardner.
John Rothermel.**J. AND A. EYDEE POST NO. 404, NEWBURG.**

Chartered May 18, 1891.

Membership 15.

Commander, N. Breckenreed.

Delegate.

*Wm. D. Toles.

Alternate.

Jas. King.

Past Commanders.

C. G. Brown.
Chas. Westfall.
Geo. C. Peterhaus.
Philip Messer.

A. Fred Smith.
E. C. Bassett.
Willard Sherman.
P. M. Breckenreed.

CHAS. A. PRICE POST NO. 406, PEBBINTON.

Chartered May 13, 1903.

Membership 20.

Commander, H. C. Gillett.

Delegate.

M. S. Howell

Alternate.

John Berkwick.

Past Commanders.

T. B. Musser.
J. S. Wright.

Geo. W. Groom.
R. S. Cushman.

W. W. CHAPIN POST NO. 407, AUBURN.

Chartered July 14, 1891.

Membership 11.

Commander, J. E. Hill.

Delegate.

J. C. Rowden.

Alternate.

E. J. Buzzard.

Past Commanders.

J. C. Rowden.
John Wilber.

Henry Hopler.
James Davis.

GEN. W. T. SHEERMAN POST NO. 410, VASSAR.

Chartered June 29, 1891.

Membership 47.

Commander, S. H. Camp.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Chas. E. Murry.
Jared Downer.
Henry Adams.

R. Hawley.
O. B. Randall.
Wm. Hulburt.

A. W. BRINDLE POST NO. 413, WYANDOTTE.

Chartered August 1, 1891.

Membership 11.

*Commander, W. W. Bishop.

Delegate.

Wm. Mohure.

Alternate.

John Wayman.

Past Commanders.

W. W. Bishop.
J. R. Havens.

John Wayman.

ROBT. ERWIN POST NO. 416, BROOKLYN.

Chartered October 30, 1891.

Membership 16.

Commander, Geo. Stacy.

Delegate.

Geo. Sanford.

Alternate.

William Taylor.

Past Commanders.

Melvin Crane.
Geo. Worthington.

James McKinney.
John Worden.

R. J. WADE POST NO. 417, HARBOR BEACH.

Chartered January 21, 1892.

Membership 10.

Commander, Sam'l. A. Fuller.

Delegate.

John Manson.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Wm. McMillan.

William Whaling.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

H. P. MERRILL POST NO. 419, BAY CITY.

Chartered February 19, 1892.

Membership 20.

Commander, Geo. W. Butterfield.

Delegate.

F. L. Wilson.

Alternate.

Horace Morey.

Past Commanders.

*M. M. Andrews.

*Geo. P. Cobb.

A. J. Cook.

L. G. Wilcox.

H. E. Meeker.

J. W. Knaggs.

Israel Youngs.

WM. H. DUMPHY POST NO. 424, YALE.

Chartered January 27, 1893.

Membership 20.

Commander, Chas. Moutney.

Delegate.

Miles Simmons.

Alternate.

James Bolls.

Past Commanders.

Chas. Moutney.

Miles Simmons.

Elmore Putney.

Henry A. Cope.

STEPHEN MUNGER POST NO. 425, FREELAND.

Chartered August 2, 1893.

Membership 14.

Commander, Geo. Hall.

Delegate.

John Lewis.

Alternate.

A. Burchar.

Past Commanders.

Henry Manwell.

J. B. Alexander.

A. McGuire.

Peter Doran.

Jefferson Chapman.

Geo. W. Haverland.

P. O'CONNELL POST NO. 426, IRON MOUNTAIN.

Chartered August 3, 1893.

Membership 5.

Commander, J. W. Burbank.

Delegate.

Samuel Bassett.

Alternate.

John D. Buell.

Past Commander.

J. W. Burbank.

PLEASANTON POST NO. 429, IRONWOOD.

Chartered

Membership

Commander, Curtis Buck.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commander.*

Curtis Buck.

JOHN RITCHIE POST NO. 430, BURT.

Chartered July 14, 1896.

Membership 12.

Commander, W. W. Webster.

Delegate.

John Davis.

Alternate.

David Ross.

Past Commanders.

Thomas Boodger.

Jos. S. Phillips.

John Jackson.

Jesse L. Van Sickle.

Sidney Carlton.

David McNalley.

MARINE CITY POST NO. 432, MARINE CITY.

Chartered September 19, 1896.

Membership 11.

Delegate.

Commander, W. H. Scott.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Max Bates.

Chas. F. Farmer.

Edward J. Hill.

*W. H. Scott.

O. M. POE POST NO. 433, DETROIT.

Chartered November 18, 1896.

Membership 49.

Delegate.

*Commander, Jas. Gilboy.

Alternate.

*O. D. Caldwell.

J. N. Hamberger.

Past Commanders.

*John Devlin.

*Wm. N. Siggins.

H. F. Serrine.

Jas. M. C. Miller.

Chas. F. Jones.

E. H. Davis.

Geo. W. Clements.

J. T. McCurdy.

Geo. W. Cook.

MCCOOK POST NO. 434, McBRIDE.

Chartered February 24, 1897.

Membership 20.

Delegate.

Commander, M. J. Christian.

Alternate.

Albert Bush.

Wm. Valentine.

Past Commanders.

Louis Perkins.

M. J. Christian.

Myron Dean.

Frederick Neff.

F. A. DANIELS POST NO. 437, NEW TROY.

Chartered June 29, 1897.

Membership 8.

Delegate.

Commander, John A. Cox.

Alternate.

B. Hinchman.

Past Commander.

John A. Cox.

H. P. NILES POST NO. 438, NEW LATHROP.

Chartered July 22, 1897.

Membership 7.

Delegate.

*Commander, John Northwood.

Alternate.

Joy Douglass.

Geo. Jacobs.

Past Commanders.

Batus Snyder.

John Spears.

S. D. Wilson.

John Northwood.

James Smith.

STEELE BROS. POST NO. 441, MASON.

Chartered December 31, 1897.

Membership 32.

Delegate.

Commander, Theo. Bortel.

Alternate.

*Henry I. Northrop.

J. B. Smith.

Past Commanders.

J. A. Sherwood.

N. Templer.

T. Bortels.

*L. H. Ives.

Frank Lester.

H. O. Call.

W. W. Root.

John G. Snook.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

GEO. R. MUIR POST NO. 442, ROSE CITY.

Chartered April 8, 1898.

Membership 18.

Delegate.

L. F. Billman.

*Commander, A. S. Rose.

Alternate.

C. D. Griffith.

Past Commanders.

W. M. Bates.

A. S. Rose.

John Mahoney.

James Smith.

WASHINGTON POST NO. 444, CADILLAC.

Chartered April 14, 1898.

Membership 20.

Delegate.

A. J. Teed.

Commander, C. C. Dunham.

Alternate.

W. Stewart.

Past Commanders.

*D. E. Cook.

*Chas. C. Burnham.

R. H. GIBSON POST NO. 445, GOWEN.

Chartered April 29, 1898.

Membership 20.

Delegate.

Warren Saxton.

Commander, D. Bonesteel.

Alternate.

Chas. Terry.

Past Commanders.

C. A. Peasley.

Geo. S. McClellan.

Eli Bowen.

D. Bonesteel.

V. W. Leland.

Ed. Bradshaw.

W. H. Allen.

J. B. SWEETLAND POST NO. 448, EDWARDSBURG.

Chartered July 21, 1899.

Membership 18.

Delegate.

Benj. F. Thompson.

Commander, Wm. Funk.

Alternate.

O. Hirons.

Past Commanders.

W. W. Sweetland.

John Jones.

*B. F. Thompson.

Avon Dever.

Calvin A. Steuben.

P. M. ANGUS POST NO. 450, STANDISH.

Chartered November 11, 1899.

Membership 7.

Delegate.

Commander, Dewitt C. Hallock.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.***GEN. I. C. SMITH POST NO. 451, REED CITY.**

Chartered April 28, 1900.

Membership 25.

Delegate.

*Thos. A. Ball.

Commander, Geo. A. Gilbert.

Alternate.

Irvin S. Miner.

Past Commanders.

*Isaac Grant.

Homer Spencer.

Aretas Corwin.

James L. Dearin.

David J. Zook.

Livingston Hall.

John H. Freeland.

Anthony Wise.

*"Ren" Barker.

Nathaniel Clark.

Geo. H. Gilbert.

C. D. Woodruff.

H. W. LAWTON POST NO. 452, SAMARIA.

Chartered June 23, 1900.

Membership 30.

Delegate. *H. M. Slick.
Commander, Chas. L. Clary.
Alternate. Henry Niswander.
Past Commanders. A. J. Teall. Geo. F. Harmon.
 *Philander Karr. A. M. Albert.

HARLOW PELTON POST NO. 453, KINGSTON.

Chartered July 21, 1900.

Membership 15.

Delegate. Benj. S. Franklin.
Commander, Walter B. Nedrey.
Alternate. J. O. Pattan.
Past Commanders. Walter B. Nedrey. Geo. E. Parker.
 W. C. Lockwood. *J. B. Hickey.
 A. B. Payne.

JAMES A. SAXTON POST NO. 454, CENTRAL LAKE.

Chartered July 17, 1900.

Membership 23.

Delegate. D. W. Sage.
Commander, A. J. Drake.
Alternate. W. H. Burns.
Past Commanders. D. C. Morrison. A. J. Drake.
 W. Mohrman. W. H. Easton.
 O. Burnett.

JOHN HUNTER POST NO. 455, MONTROSE.

Chartered November 21, 1900.

Membership 16.

Delegate. Levi H. Bronson.
Commander, W. C. Bouek.
Alternate. H. Smith.
Past Commanders. *David Cross. James E. Barnes.
 James H. Persons. Geo. W. England.

STANSELL POST NO. 456, SOUTH LYON.

Chartered February 22, 1901.

Membership 22.

Delegate. H. O. Clark.
Commander, F. W. Hammond.
Alternate. M. M. Tryon.
Past Commanders. L. S. Allen. C. Calkins.
 A. C. Washburn. L. A. Sayles.
 Urban Gyde.

J. M. POND POST NO. 460, SAUGATUCK.

Chartered February 9, 1903.

Membership 24.

Delegate. William Oliver.
Commander, Richard Baker.
Alternate. Geo. Baker.
Past Commanders. J. C. Bartholomew. C. Whitney.
 *Judson Doud.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

GEORGE BOYD POST NO. 461, BOON.

Chartered August 8, 1903.

Membership 19.

Commander, Geo. W. Wheeler.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*John A. Haskins.

James Mansfield.

Past Commanders.

Amos Merrill.

*John H. Wheeler.

B. F. Smith.

*R. C. Norris.

E. A. ALGER POST NO. 462, RAPID CITY.

Chartered November 2, 1907.

Membership 13.

Commander, Joseph Finney.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Peter Desmond.

Harry Smith.

Past Commander.

Joseph Finney.

PROCEEDINGS.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

FIRST DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

KALAMAZOO, MICH., Wednesday A. M., June 23, 1909.

The Thirty-first Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, assembled in the Academy of Music in the city of Kalamazoo at 9:30 a. m. June 23, 1909, and was opened by Department Commander George L. Holmes.

The Department Commander after being satisfied that all present were members of the Grand Army of the Republic, opened the Encampment in due form.

The Department Commander: The Chaplain will invoke the Divine blessing.

Department Chaplain: Ever Glorious, ever Blessed, ever gracious God, our Heavenly Father, our Divine Savior: We gladly and thankfully look up to Thee this day, the Preserver of Life, the Giver of every blessing of life, thankfully to acknowledge Thy care and seek Thy presence with us this day in the transaction of all of the business connected with this encampment. We thank Thee that, amid the wreck of time, while we have laid so many of our comrades in their final rest, we have been spared and given strength to some here more to gladly greet each other and welcome the opportunity of renewing our comradeship. We come with sadness while we come with joy, we remember the one who has been taken away from us. We thank Thee that he was spared so long and enabled to accomplish so much for the interests of this organization. We commend to Thee this day his family and his friends who mourn for him now, and we ask that Thy blessing come now and sustain our present commander and Thy blessing rest upon him in all of his duties and responsibilities that shall be his during this session. And now, Father in heaven, we pray that Thy special presence may rule over us; that we may have the spirit not only of comradeship but the spirit of unity and harmony and of love for each other and love for Thee. Grant, that while we are journeying still the downward pathway of life may Thy grace be with us and Thy strength rest upon us so

that when we too shall be called away that darkness may not rest upon the valley through which we will pass, but it shall be only a shadow and not a darkness. We remember while we are here greeting each other, our comrades at home, in all of our posts. Be with them, their welfare, their families and their friends. Be with them also while we enjoy this occasion and come to those who are ill, those who are suffering; grant the help that comes from on high to the widow and to the orphan. Be Thou ever gracious and send them peace that only can come from Thee. Bless us all in what we shall do this time. Be with us further, throughout this broad extent, all over our land. Remember our nation today. Remember our Chief Magistrate; in Thy goodness and in Thy mercy rule over us in all the great interests of our nationality and command that Thy will shall be done through us as a people, through us as an organization, through us as individuals, so that when at last we have done with it all, as some of us soon will be, we may be acknowledged before Thee, and accepted in Thy presence and welcomed as good and faithful servants, Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, Amen.

Department Commander: I now declare the Thirty-first Annual Encampment Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, open in due form.

I wish all past commanders who are present would come forward and take seats on the platform.

Comrade Kanitz: Commander, Ex-Governor Van Sant of Minnesota, representing the Commander-in-Chief, is present, and if it is agreeable I would like to escort him to the platform.

Department Commander: We would be very glad indeed to have Ex-Governor Van Sant come forward.

(Comrade Kanitz escorted Ex-Governor Van Sant and Past Department Commander Wood of Illinois to the platform where they were introduced and took seats.)

Department Commander: It affords me great pleasure to introduce to you Comrade Van Sant, Ex-Governor of the state of Minnesota, who is here to represent the Commander-in-Chief. (Applause.)

Comrade Van Sant: Commander and Comrades: I have been greatly honored today in being requested to represent your Commander-in-Chief who is ill at home and not able to be with you on this occasion. He regrets this very much, for he was a Michigan soldier and in the prime of his young manhood he enlisted in your state and went to the front. Recently, while in the line of his duty, he contracted a severe cold while coming from the coast where they have fruit, sunshine and flowers, into the northwest, meeting a severe snow storm. But I bring you his greetings and his best wishes for your success. He hopes you all as many of you as can, will go to Salt Lake City where the next meeting is to be held and he desires me to assure you every preparation has been made to receive and royally entertain the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Now, I was invited here some time ago by your late department commander and I realize with you the deep sorrow you feel this morning over the loss of that splendid comrade, who was not only a splendid comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic, but an exemplary citizen, a kind husband and an affectionate father, and you will miss him

very very much. So far as I have been able to judge since I arrived in your city, I never knew of a case where there was more sorrow expressed than over the loss of Comrade Foote; and it is my earnest wish that this encampment may be, as I am sure it will be, a decided success. And who knows but that the spirit of our late comrade is present in this room and will witness our proceedings here?

Coming as I do from Minnesota, I was requested also to present greetings of that splendid Past Commander-in-Chief Torrence who wanted to be remembered to his comrades and friends.

I will not take up further time now. I believe I am to speak at the camp-fire tonight, and those of you who are not tired of hearing me now might come down and have the balance tonight. But just one word more that I might not have a chance to say to so many of you together again,—I never was prouder in my life than I am at this moment, that I am a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, (applause) which has done more, accomplished more than any other organization in the history of time. There is no organization like yours. Did you ever stop to think of that? You have no predecessors and you can have no successors. When you die the Grand Army dies with you. But you have this proud satisfaction, that you have lived to some purpose and that your organization has accomplished much not only for its members but for humanity in general. Wherever a black man or a black woman is found, you are revered; for it is you who gave them liberty. You not only freed the black man but you re-established this union upon a firm basis, and that was worth all the war cost. And in a material sense—and we must look at that, for we all live in a material age—since you laid down your arms our country has made most wonderful progress. We have made more advancement in less than fifty years than Great Britain has made in five hundred years of her history. (Applause.) Comrades, that means something; and you should be honored not only for your own splendid services in saving the union but for the splendid opportunities you have given to the rising generation. We not only have equality before the law but we have something better than that, we have equality of opportunity, and that means so much to the American people.

But as I said I will not take more of your time. I am rejoiced to meet with you and I hope your deliberations will be wise and that this encampment will be the best ever held in the great commonwealth of Michigan. (Prolonged applause.)

Department Commander: It affords me great pleasure to introduce to you the first adjutant general of the Grand Army, a man who, I believe had as much to do with the organization of the Grand Army, through his efforts, as any man now living. I have the pleasure of introducing to you Past-Commander Wood, of Illinois. (Applause.)

Comrade Woods: My Wolverine Comrades: A pleasant sail across the lake and then coming into this magnificent city and hearing words of warm friendship is indeed a pleasure. But before I speak, I want to ask if there is any member of the First Michigan Engineers here that he won't shoot until I am done, because we had a little unpleasantness at one time, and if there is any man here that was obliged to part with an heirloom clock or any keep-sake of that kind, I hope you will forgive me, because I could not help that, you know. (Laughter.)

Assistant Adjutant General: There is one of them here.

Comrade Woods: But I will tell you one thing that if you lost some pleasure through not having some heirloom clock you have given pleasure, better than a clock or jewels to everybody in the United States of America, from that day to this.

This organization is the best, it is the grandest organization of humanity that was ever gotten together. (Applause.)

Why, after we got the Grand Army organized, I took a trip over to the capitals of Europe to find out what those warlike nations ever had done for their defenders. I looked to see a magnificent line of soldier's homes and soldier's orphan's homes and Soldiers' widows' homes, but I looked in vain. I counted up the pounds, pence, shillings, marks, francs, piasters, liras that were paid out to the veterans of those countries and I found out that for one war, which occurred nearly a half a century ago the United States is today paying out more money in pensions than all the governments on earth for all the wars that were ever waged. (Applause.) That is the kind of a country we live in. It was worth saving. And yet everything has not been done. We are not all complete.

I remember of reading the history of Lord Clyde, the conqueror of India; after he came back he was hailed before parliament on the question of distributing certain loot that he had found in the palace of the maharajha and in answering the defence of his duty he said "My Lords and Gentlemen, when I remember that campaign through India, where we found those hordes, hundreds of thousands, when I remember capturing the palace of the maharajha and looking at my 35,000 survivors with their arms and their legs bound up and their heads abounding with festering wounds, bearing mute testimony to the wonderful prowess during a five months' campaign, and I remember the piles of gold and silver and jewelry and diamonds that I found in the palaces of the maharajha, By God I am astonished at my own moderation (applause and laughter)—that is found in the history of Lord Clyde. And when I visited the homes of the old veterans of old Europe, and nine-tenths of them were in poverty, and when I see the piles of gold and treasure and jewelry piled up in this, the most wealthy country of the world, I am surprised at the moderation with which the pensions have been doled out in the last forty-five years. Why my dear comrades, there is one class that never has been mentioned yet, that splendid galaxy of men slightly older than the rest of us, the rank and file, and with their bright swords and their indomitable courage and gallantry, lead all others through those many many battles—I refer to the commissioned officers of the great war,—forty-five years after when everyone of them should have been placed on the retired list at half pay. For over forty-five years they have waited patiently and quietly and not one thing has been done for them. Let us ask that our officers shall be placed upon half-pay and retired, as has been done for other officers who rendered similar service; but if they do not see fit to, we will have the proud consciousness of knowing that we gave the best that was in us to our nation in its time of trial. (Applause.)

Department Commander: I will state to you, comrades, that owing to the death of our beloved Comrade Foote, our department commander,

that that position became vacant, and I, as senior vice commander took the position as commander, the junior vice commander becoming senior vice commander, and leaving a vacancy in the position of junior vice commander. At a meeting held yesterday of the council of administration, that place was, by unanimous vote of the committee given to Comrade George W. Wheeler, of Post 461, and I therefore ask the junior vice commander if he is in the audience, to come forward and take a seat on the platform.

(In obedience to the request Comrade Wheeler came forward and took a seat on the stage.)

The roll was called by the Assistant Adjutant General and a quorum was found to be present.

Department Commander: The rules governing the national encampment will prevail at this encampment, if there are no objections. I hear none, and the rules governing national encampments will prevail.

Communications were read by the Assistant Adjutant General, from Comrade Henry M. Nevius, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, as follows:

K Red Bank N. J., June 22.

Geo. L. Holmes, Vice Dept. Com. of Michigan G. A. R., Kalamazoo:

The Grand Army of the Republic sends greetings to the Dept. of Michigan, and Kalamazoo G. A. R., the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the G. A. R., and the Daughters, Comrade Van Sant will represent me.

HENRY M. NEVIUS,
Commander-in-Chief, G. A. R.

Salt Lake, Utah, June 22, 1909.

Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R. Encampment, Kalamazoo, Michigan:

This committee extend greetings to your encampment with hope that your meeting may be happy, harmonious and profitable. You are invited to be our guests, August 9-14, 1909, with the assurance that your stay while here will be made as sweet and tender as the work of vanishing army was honorable and heroic.

F. F. STERRETT,
Executive Director, G. A. R.

From Comrade Burton Parker, El Paso, Texas.

El Paso, Texas, June 18, 1909.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Division of Michigan, G. A. R., Kalamazoo, Michigan:

My Dear Sir and Comrade: I deeply regret my inability to be present at the present State Encampment. Mrs. Parker's health has been in a very precarious condition, and I was notified by physicians last fall that she would not live until spring if she remained in Michigan. I was, therefore, transferred to this place, with a view of improving her health. I am in hopes of, in the near future, returning to grand old Michigan and uniting with the Comrades in promoting and advancing the principles and tenets of our Grand Army.

I will kindly thank you to convey to the Department Commander my compliments, and also to the members of the Encampment.

Assuring you of my high regard and personal respect and devotion to the Grand Army of the Republic, I am,

Yours in F. C. & L.

BURTON PARKER.

From Comrade James O'Donnell, of Jackson, as follows:

Jackson, Michigan, June 21, 1909.

Commander G. A. R., Department of Michigan:

Dear Comrade: I expected and hoped to be with you at the encampment, but much to my disappointment and regret, find that other engagements will prevent.

For this I am very sorry. I would come if I could.

With greetings to all the comrades, I am in F. C. & L.,

Very respectfully yours,

JAMES O'DONNELL.

From Rev. J. M. Warren, Chaplain Eaton County Battalion, as follows:

Olivet, Mich., June 21, '09.

Commander: I will be in Kalamazoo during the encampment this week.

Yours to command,

REV. J. M. WARREN,

Chaplain, Eaton Co. Battalion, Olivet, Mich.

Department Commander: Is the report of the credential committee ready?

Assistant Adjutant General: Commander, as chairman of the committee on credentials, I would report that we are not prepared to make a complete report at this time. We have at the present time issued over 650 delegate badges with the prospect that all the supply will be exhausted before now, so that there are at least seven hundred delegates in the city.

I would ask permission to make a further report later on.

Comrade Kanitz: Commander, I move that the request be granted, and further time be allowed the committee in which to make a report.

The motion was carried.

At this time Senior Vice Commander J. J. Drake took the chair and the Department Commander read his report and address as follows:

COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.

Comrades: We have assembled in this beautiful city of Kalamazoo to hold our Thirty-first Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic and to transact such business as may come before it. Comrades you are aware that it is through a very fortunate circumstance, in fact I may say a disaster to the Grand Army of Michigan that I am here today as Department Commander. It is a laudable ambition for any comrade to aspire to be Commander but I assure you that I did not want to be Commander in this way and that I regret the passing on of our late Commander, Chas. E. Foote, as sincerely as any comrade in the Department. The time has been so short that it has been absolutely impossible for me to make any new arrangements. I could not if I would and I would not if I could. My report will be very short. I shall have to leave almost entirely to the different committees who have been appointed to do certain work and investigate the conditions of certain things and report thereon to this encampment. It would be useless for me to undertake to report on matters that I have had no opportunity to investigate, therefore shall leave it to the committees that were appointed by our late Commander one year ago. It shall be the aim of the officers of this Encampment as far as possible to carry out the plans and details that had already been arranged for. I know and you know that I am placed in an embarrassing position. When a comrade is elected to this office he has the whole year to arrange his plans and become familiar with the affairs of the Department. There are however a few things I wish to call your attention to. One is that the Posts of the Department should be more prompt in forwarding their reports to the Assistant Adjutant General. Some do not seem to think that he has to furnish his consolidated report to the Adjutant General, and if a few reports from the Posts are delayed it holds back his report. Especially should the semi-annually report now about due be sent in promptly as the time from now to the National encampment at Salt Lake City is very short.

I would recommend that the Commanders and Adjutants of Posts should send in their reports as soon as they return home from this encampment. I also notice that some Posts elect delegates to the encampment who say they do not know as they can go and sometimes when they say they cannot go. Delegates should be chosen from those who know they can go or at least think they can.

THE SOLDIERS' HOME.

Past Department Commander Northwood, chairman of the committee appointed one year ago to visit the Soldiers' Home, kindly furnished me with a copy of his report which he will present to the encampment. I must commend the work of this committee. It shows it was thorough and painstaking and I judge there was no spot or place about the in-

stitution that was not visited. If proper to do so I would call the attention of the next Department Commander and the committee that he will appoint to visit the Home the coming year to two conditions in the blanks for application for admittance to the Home. You all know that if an old soldier wishes to go to the Home he must obtain and fill out a blank application furnished by the management. The first condition is the "certificate of identification." This it says must be signed by the supervisor of the township or ward in which the applicant resides or by a member of the board of management of the Home; the second is the surgeons certificate. The blank application in use at the Home in Dayton, Ohio, makes it much easier for an old soldier to get to the Home. That says the certificate of identification may be signed by a notary public and if the applicant is sixty-two years or more of age the surgeons certification need not be filled out. If our blanks could be made the same it would in all cases save the applicant a great deal of trouble and in some cases expense. In my opinion these blanks should be made as simple and easy as possible for the comrades who are obliged to go to the Home instead of seeing how complicated and hard they can be made. Since coming to the City I find that the arrangements for a successful encampment are complete and I want to thank the committees one and all who have labored early and late to bring this about.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. L. HOLMES,
Department Commander.

Senior Vice Commander: I will appoint on the committee to consider the Commander's address, Comrade H. S. Dean, Post 137, Comrade E. C. Anthony, Post 300, Comrade J. F. Cotton, Post 214.

The Department Commander resumed the chair.

Department Commander: The next in order is the reading of the report of the Senior Vice Commander.

Senior Vice Commander, J. J. Drake, then read his report as follows:

Commander and Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic: Upon the solicitation of comrades I was chosen by the comrades of the last encampment as your Junior Vice Commander and as such officer I have discharged all the duties of my office to the best of my ability.

Comrades, you know and I know and all of us know that the Junior Vice Commander's duties are very onerous. It is even difficult for him to ascertain just when the Department is going to have a meeting, his duties are so laborious and I appear before you as both Senior and Junior Vice Commander.

At the Department meeting in Toledo, Michigan had the distinction of being the second largest representative body of the National Grand Army of the Republic. (Applause.) It was only exceeded by that state that seems to be and now is what Virginia once was, the "Mother of Presidents." (Applause.)

At a meeting of the council of administration and perhaps it is necessary that I should mention this thing here—which was called by Com-

mander Foote while in Toledo, there was considered the question of using certain funds to increase the membership of the Grand Army of the Republic. The council of administration represented by a majority of its members was there, and Commander Foote asked not being a millionaire himself—that the council of administration would pay all the little bills that he might make in trying to build up the weakening forces, also taking care of those outside that wished to get into the post. And I would say in regard to this that the report of the quartermaster general will show that the action of the council of administration should be commended for the part which they took on that occasion, and as Junior Vice Commander my duties closed, when on two weeks ago yesterday I participated with Commander Holmes in laying to rest in beautiful Mountain Home Cemetery the remains of Commander Foote. Comrades, I wish to add but just one word: Comrades you are familiar with the peculiarities and idiosyncrasies of the soldier and sailor. And one of these is the right and privilege of grumbling or fault-finding and as I am no exception to the general rule I wish to call your attention to the action of the last encampment in eliminating or dropping from the rules the inspection of all posts.

I desire that this encampment shall reinstate the inspection of all Posts and demand a full and complete report from all inspection officers as in my opinion this will prove of much value to the Department.

Comrades, I wish to add but just one word: As Senior Vice Commander, for the few hours remaining, I expect to perform all duties assigned to me, and I have but one sentiment which I wish to express here in conclusion, and that is the language of one of America's greatest orators, one of the grandest comrades who has long since passed to his rest—"With charity for all, with cheers for the living, and tears for the dead, we shall ever cherish their memory." (Prolonged applause.)

JAY J. DRAKE,

Senior Vice Commander.

Department Commander: I will refer the report of the Senior Vice Commander to a committee consisting of Comrade Ives, Comrade Stephen Mallery, Post 382, Comrade G. T. Converse, Post 38.

The next in order will be the report of the Junior Vice Commander, who has been holding that office for about eighteen hours.

Comrade Wheeler: Commander, the first thing I knew about being Junior Vice Commander was when Comrade Richardson came down in the hall and took me by the arm and says, "I want you to go up to the Adjutant General's office, I want to talk with you." He led me up there, and the first thing I knew he introduced me to the rest of the officers as the Junior Vice Commander of the Department of Michigan. Now you cannot expect any written report from me, because I have been sleeping from that time to this. (Laughter). The only thing I can say for myself is this—as Commander of post 461 I was elected last fall and that was my first experience as Commander of the Post. We held our memorial services on the 29th of May instead of the 31. We had our arrangements all made and we could not very well hold them over because we looked to the village school to perform all those things

that go to make up a successful memorial day. Just as we were about to enter the hall the proprietor of the hall stepped up and says "There is a ten-cent show got the inside track of you and you will have to find some other place to hold your services." "Very good" I says "the school house is open." And we went there and carried out the program the best we could. We had a fine speaker and everything went off nicely. But as you may naturally suppose, I got warm "under the collar." I never was so warm under the collar in my life as I was then. I went right home and said to my wife, "This is the last time we will ever be driven from a hall in which to hold our memorial services." I went and purchased a lot and I have got the foundation for my frames, and lumber is ordered and on the ground, and I am going to build a hall that the G. A. R. and W. R. C. can use as long as I live, and it won't cost them a cent. (Prolonged applause.)

Department Commander: I think it would be a good plan to adopt the verbal report and let him go on and build the hall. (Laughter and applause.)

Now there are some standing committees to be appointed—the committee on resolutions; the chairman of that committee is Comrade O. A. Janes, Post 384, Comrade C. V. R. Pond, Post 2, Comrade Judge Cobb, Post 419, Bay City.

The next is the committee to carry fraternal greetings to the Women's Relief Corps. I presume likely that all the comrades would like to be appointed on that committee but I can only appoint three.

The chairman of that committee is Comrade D. B. K. Van Raalte, Post 262; Comrade Sam. Lawrence, Post 218; Comrade John Northwood, Post 438.

The next committee to be appointed is the committee to carry fraternal greetings to the Ladies of the G. A. R.

Chairman, Comrade William Jibb, Post 45; Comrade J. M. Greenfield, Post 89; Comrade George H. Turner, Post 109.

The next in order is the report of the Assistant Adjutant General.

The Assistant Adjutant General then read his report, which was as follows:

REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.
LANSING, June 22, 1909.

Geo. L. Holmes, Department Commander:

Dear Sir and Comrade: In conformity with the custom and requirements of the rules and regulations of our order, I have the honor to submit to you my report of the work of the Assistant Adjutant General's office for the year 1908-9.

STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP.

		Mem- bers.
For term ending June 30th, 1908.	Posts.	
In good standing January 1st, 1908.....	318	10,688
Gains.	Post.	Members.
By muster-in	106	
By transfer	68	
By reinstatement	185	
By reinstatement from delinquent reports.	4	48
Total gains for term	4	407
Aggregate	322	11,095
Losses.		
By death	251	
By honorable discharge	6	
By transfer	51	
By suspension	207	
By delinquent reports	12	187
By surrender of charter	3	62
Total loss for term	15	764
Remaining in good standing June 30th.....	307	10,331
For term ending December 31st, 1908:		
Gains.		
By muster-in	126	
By transfer	61	
By reinstatement	102	
By reinstatement from delinquent reports.	7	125
Total gain for term	7	414
Aggregate	314	10,745

Losses.

By death	186	
By honorable discharge	14	
By transfer	55	
By suspension	262	
By surrender of charter	1	8

Total loss for term	1	525
Remaining in good standing Dec. 31, 1909.....	313	10,220

RECAPITULATION FOR THE YEAR.**Gains.**

Remaining in good standing Jan. 1st, 1908.....	318	10,688
By muster-in	232	
By transfer	129	
By reinstatement	287	
From delinquent reports	11	173

Total gain for year	11	821
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Aggregate	329	11,509
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Losses.

By death	437	
By honorable discharge	20	
By transfer	106	
By suspension	469	
From delinquent reports	12	187
From surrender of charter	4	70

Total loss for year	16	1,289
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Remaining in good standing Dec. 31st 1908	313	10,220
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Net loss during the year, 5 Posts, 468 members.

Percentages of death loss, .0427 per cent.

The following Posts were delinquent during the year:

Post No. 155, Homer; Post No. 157, Cassopolis; Post No. 209, Montgomery; Post No. 224, Cheboygan; Post No. 232, Cass City; Post No. 269, Plainwell; Post No. 278, West Bay City; Post No. 296, Alaska; Post No. 303, Schoolcraft; Post No. 305, Fenwick; Post No. 307, Saginaw; Post No. 314, Saline; Post No. 324, Crystal; Post No. 351, Covert; Post No. 412; Burnips Corners.

The following Posts were reinstated during the year:

Post No. 151, Sebewa; Post No. 155, Homer; Post No. 157, Cassopolis; Post No. 224, Cheboygan; Post No. 269, Plainwell; Post No. 278, West Bay City; Post No. 303, Schoolcraft; Post No. 305, Fenwick; Post No. 307, Saginaw; Post No. 324, Crystal.

The following posts surrendered their charters during the year:

Post No. 164, Morley; Post No. 239, Concord; Post No. 307, Saginaw; Post No. 316, Grant; Post No. 379, Bannister.

Post No. 202 also surrendered its charter. After earnest effort on the part of the Department to reorganize the post, the comrades decided to recall the old charter and Post No. 202 is again in working order.

Since January 1st, 1909, the following changes have taken place but are not a part of this report as they properly belong to the next report. they are given here for information:

Post No. 58, Dewitt, made its report for 1908, and surrendered its charter Feb. 2, 1909.

The following Posts have been re-instated since the beginning of the year:

Post No. 46, Granges; Post No. 167, Elsie; Post No. 209, Montgomery; Post No. 314, Saline.

THE W. R. C. FUND.

In making up the report for the second term ending December 31, 1908, eleven Posts with a total membership of 151 were delinquent; by resolution of the Executive Committee the per capita tax of these Posts was paid out of the W. R. C. fund the total tax being \$18.89, these Posts were notified of the action taken and requested to send in their reports, seven of the eleven posts responded not only sending in their reports but remitting the per capita also, this amounted to \$12.38 and has been turned back into the W. R. C. fund, leaving but \$6.51 paid out of this fund to maintain four Posts; a very small amount of this fund has been used in visiting weak Posts; this amount will be shown in the Assistant Quartermaster's report.

FINANCES.

The cash receipts coming into my hands during the year is as follows:

From per capita tax first term	\$1,292 18
From per capita tax second term	1,278 12
Total receipts from per capita tax	<hr/> \$2,570 30
From sale of supplies	327 83
From reinstatements and other sources	34 36
Total receipts for the year	<hr/> \$2,932 49

All of which has been turned over to the Assistant Quartermaster General in vouchers and cash, and for which I have his receipts.

While there has been a slight falling off in the membership, there has been an increase of cash receipts from per capita, supplies etc., over last year of \$125.79. This increase is mostly accounted for from the fact that the first term of 1907, the per capita tax was but ten cents per member while for both terms of 1908 the rate has been twelve and one-half cents per member, there has also been a small increase in the amount of supplies sold.

JOURNALS.

The Journals of the Thirtieth Department Encampment have been mailed to all the Posts of the Department.

National headquarters sent to this Department only 40 copies of the Journal of Forty-second National Encampment. These have been sent out only on request. There is still a few copies on hand.

The value of Department property as approved by the Executive Committee is \$131.19. See exhibit A.

The Department Banner had become so badly worn and torn that it has been necessary to replace it by a new one, which was done by authority of the Executive Committee. The cost of the new banner being \$35.00.

The supplies on hand at Headquarters as shown by inventory is \$73.29. See exhibit B, accompanying this report.

There has been two meetings of the Council of Administration and two meetings of the Executive Committee, proceedings of these meetings accompany this report and will be published in the Journal.

LINCOLN MEDALS.

Early in January I received circulars from the National Committee Lincoln Centennial, announcing that arrangements had been made to make and issue to the comrades, at a cost of 75 cents each, a Lincoln Centennial medal, to be properly inscribed in honor of the Grand Army of the Republic. Circulars were sent to all the posts of this Department with the request that subscriptions for the medals be sent in to the Assistant Adjutant General. I received orders from 38 Posts for a total of 355 medals, which was promptly forwarded to the committee, there was much delay in getting these medals out, the first shipment was made to this Department the latter part of May, the medals have been distributed to the posts ordering them.

The National Committee inform me that they will continue to receive orders for the medals until every member of the Grand Army is supplied or the die breaks. As these medals weigh 8 oz. each the express charges and postage adds about ten cents each to the cost. Comrades desiring the medal for a souvenir should send in their orders at once; to the Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R., Lansing, Mich.

SOUTHERN MEMORIAL FUND.

In general orders from National Headquarters an appeal was made for funds for the Southern Memorial fund. This was supplemented by an appeal from the Department Commander in General Orders No. 7. I regret very much to say that the appeal did not receive the response that the cause merited; but 16 Posts of this Department responded, with subscriptions of but \$26.00. This amount has been forwarded to National Headquarters. It may be that some of the Posts may have sent their contributions direct to National Headquarters and this Department has no account of the same.

LAWS FOR BENEFIT OF SOLDIERS.

The last legislature passed two bills in which the members of the G. A. R. will be interested. One is what is known as the Chandler Bill on taxation, in Section 7 under the head of exemption.

All real estate used as a Homestead not exceeding in value to \$1,200 of any soldier or sailor who served three months or more during the Civil war; and of any widow of such soldier or sailor also receive the same benefit.

The other law is an amendment to Act No. 170, Session Laws of 1885, known as the law for burial of soldiers. This amendment was introduced by Senator Taylor and provided that nurses shall receive the benefits of the act, and increases the amount of the burial fund from forty to fifty-five dollars.

These laws will be published in full in the Journal of the encampment.

The work and correspondence of the office has been very heavy during the year. Nine general orders, seven circulars and special orders have been issued. These together with orders and circulars from National headquarters have been mailed promptly to the various officers and Posts of the Department.

For the first time in the thirty-one years of its existence the Department of Michigan has sustained the loss of its Department Commander. Chas. E. Foote died at his residence in this city (Kalamazoo), Saturday, June 5th. As his co-laborer I desire to bear testimony to his sterling worth as a comrade and his untiring zeal in behalf of the comrades in the Department. The success of this encampment is the result of his earnest work; every detail was on his heart. Why he was not permitted to live and enjoy the results of his labor with us, only an All-wise Providence can tell. My relations with our departed Commander were the most cordial, and I believe that in his death every comrade of the Grand Army and every widow of a comrade has lost a friend. What more can I say.

In view of the very short time to elapse between this Encampment and the Forty-third National Encampment to be held at Salt Lake City, August 9-14, I call the attention of all, and especially Post commanders and Adjutants to the necessity of forwarding the reports together with the per capita tax for the term ending, June 30th, to the Department headquarters at Lansing without delay, in order that this Department may meet the requirements of National headquarters. Adjutant General Frank O. Cole, has asked that reports be sent in before July 10th. In order to save reporting a large number of delinquent posts, and a large amount of extra work, I trust this request will be heeded. While most of the Post Commanders and their Adjutants and Quartermasters are fairly prompt in forwarding their reports and to reply to communications sent them, there are those who are very slow to respond. This neglect of duty on the part of even a few entails upon the department officers much extra work, and not a little confusion in

keeping records straight. Comrades, although we may be getting a little old let us see that our duties are promptly performed.

It is with great pleasure that I can report the Posts of this Department with few exceptions as holding their own. Seventy-two Posts show gains; 112 Posts make no gains or losses; 126 Posts show losses. The gains in several Posts are very flattering and show what can be done when the effort is put forth. A spirit of indifference if not of apathy seems to possess others. The old soldiers are here, and the fault is ours if they do not join us.

In conclusion, the office of Assistant Adjutant General, while entailing much labor on the occupant, has its corresponding pleasures by bringing one into close relation with earnest and loyal comrades throughout the department.

During the year I have been associated with able and willing comrades whose sole aim has been to second every effort of our lamented commander in making a success of his administration.

To the earnest and efficient comrades of the staff, and to yourself Commander, I am indebted for many courtesies, and to you comrades all, I am indebted for honors conferred.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,
FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Assistant Adjutant General : (In speaking concerning branch of the report in answer to a query as to what was meant by the Southern Memorial Fund.) I supposed every Grand Army man understood what the Southern Memorial Fund was. In the states of the south, where the great national cemeteries are located, we have thousands upon thousands of comrades buried, and where there are but few scattering Posts to take care of the decorations. These Posts are poor. They are willing to do the work of decorating those thousands upon thousands of graves, but they haven't the means wherewith to do it. They are willing to do the work and the national Department for years has been furnishing them with funds to defray the expenses of such decoration, and this fund is for that purpose. I fear you do not read your reports thorough enough comrades. Read your journals and you will find out all about these things.

And now, while you have gotten me to digress from the line of my report, I want to say to you comrades, that you should pay more attention to the general orders and journal publications of the department. They contain information that you should have. You simply throw them away and pay no attention to them, and then the Adjutant General will get letters saying "how about this" and "how about that" and in that way the Adjutant General's time is taken up answering questions that you should be well posted upon yourselves. (Applause.)

Comrade Lewis, Post 23: Commander, the report spoke of certain exemptions to which members of this organization were entitled. I wish to ask for information—is that law to become operative where the home-
 stead is valued higher than the price you name?

Assistant Adjutant General: I would refer the comrade to some lawyer. I think however, that the \$1,200 amount would be exempt in

any event. Comrade Van Raalte was in the legislature and he no doubt can explain that point.

Comrade Van Raalte: Commander and Comrades—I would say to the comrades, for information, that no matter what a comrade is worth, that part of the value may be deducted from the total value, and if anyone sees fit to take advantage of the exemption he may do so.

When the question came up on the floor of the legislature, I then stated that my idea was there were a great many of the comrades who would not care to take advantage of the exemption but it would be especially for the poorer comrades to help them out. (Applause). This law will not take effect, Comrades, until next year. It will take effect in ninety days from the assessment and consequently it will not take effect until next year. (Applause.)

Department Commander: I will refer the report of the Assistant Adjutant General to the following committee: Comrade George W. Stone, Post 42; Comrade George Raab, Post 145; Comrade W. W. Warner, Post 56.

Comrade Gilbert, Post 111: In the report it speaks about sending in to the Adjutant General a full report of the posts in time for the National Encampment, and that time is now quite short. But the report is to end June 30, and we send in a report ending June 30, and then some comrade dies the next day; our report says we have so many members on June 30. What are you going to do with that comrade who dies? I ask for information.

(Cries of "Bury him.")

Comrade Kanitz: If he is dead, he is gone.

Department Commander: In reply to that I would say this, that as soon as you go home see that these reports are made out and get them ready to send to the Adjutant General as early as the first of July; in the meantime if there are any changes between now and that time the reports can be rectified.

The next order of business will be the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General.

Comrade James E. White read the report as follows:

REPORT OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

KALAMAZOO, MICH., June 23, 1904.

Department Commander and Comrades:

In accord with the custom and rules of our order, I submit my annual report as follows:

JAMES E. WHITE, ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN G. A. R.

Date.	Receipts.	Amount.
1908.		
July 16...	To cash received from Asst. Adj. Gen. Wyckoff	\$475 00
July 16...	To cash received from Asst. Q. M. Gen. Cochran	806 70
July 16...	To certificate of deposit from Asst. Q. M. Gen. Cochran	1,000 00
July 16...	To cash from Asst. Adj. Gen. Wyckoff	869 00
July 16...	To certificate of deposit from Asst. Q. M. Gen. Cochran	1,000 00
July 30...	To cash received from Asst. Adj. Gen. Wyckoff	250 00
1909.		
Jan. 9...	To cash received from Adj. Gen. Wyckoff	300 00
Jan. 26...	To cash received from Asst. Adj. Gen. Wyckoff	300 00
Feb. 5...	To cash from Asst. Adj. Gen. Wyckoff	175 00
June 3...	To interest on fund in Kal. Nat. Bank, W. R. C. fund	21 84
June 22...	To interest on \$1,000.00 fund Kal. City Bank	40 90
June 22...	To interest on \$1,000.00 Alger fund, Kal. City Bank	40 90
June 22...	To interest on \$500.00 general fund, K. S. B.	13 75
June 22...	To check from Adj. Gen. Wyckoff	49 29
		\$5,342 38
1908.		
	To vouchers received from Assistant Adjutant General, as cash:	
July 30...	vouchers 1 to 7 inclusive	\$243 92
Sept. 16...	vouchers 8 to 20 inclusive	340 03
Dec. 19...	vouchers 21 to 26 inclusive	37 04
1909.		
Jan. 9...	vouchers 27 to 32 inclusive	181 86
Jan. 26...	vouchers 33 to 34 inclusive	135 88
Feb. 5...	vouchers 35 to 36 inclusive	68 96
April 17...	vouchers 37 to 54 inclusive	221 24
June 22...	vouchers 60 to 64 inclusive	103 30
		\$1,332 32
	Total receipts for year	\$6,674 70

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Date.	Disbursements.	Amount.
1908.		
July 17...	Com. C. E. Foote, expenses to Lansing.....	\$3 33
July 17...	Asst. Q. M. G. White, expenses to Lansing.....	3 18
July 30...	Printing circulars and envelopes, Fred J. Buck.....	8 41
July 17...	Supplies as per requisition.....	65 29
July 17...	Expenses of Assistant Adjutant General going to Detroit.....	9 20
July 21...	Postage stamps for Adjutant General.....	19 35
July 30...	Report of proceedings and transcript of same.....	50 00
Aug. 15...	Postage and telephoning by Com. Foote.....	5 45
Aug. 15...	Per capita tax, 6 m., end June 30, 1908.....	180 79
Sept. 2...	Veterans music band at Toledo.....	156 72
Sept. 2...	Decorate headquarters at Toledo.....	15 00
Sept. 2...	Com. Foote, expenses to Allegan and St. Joseph.....	11 57
Sept. 4...	Henry Spaulding, services at headquarters, Toledo.....	4 00
Sept. 4...	Expense of headquarters, Toledo, Boody House.....	152 10
Sept. 14...	Quar. M. Gen. Bond.....	11 25
	Asst. Adj. Gen. Bond.....	5 00
	Paid postage Adjutant General off.....	11 49
	Cutting ribbon, 58 bolts for badges.....	3 00
	Case and Chamois skin for loving cup.....	3 00
	Print badges, 3,500.....	5 00
	Printing receipts, letter heads, general orders, envelopes, etc.....	84 85
	Expenses Col. Wyckoff to Toledo.....	8 35
	Past Dept. Com. badge.....	35 00
	Dept. Chaplain postage letters.....	1 00
	J. W. Knapp, badges for National Encampment.....	43 20
Sept. 22...	Expenses Com. Foote to Mason and return.....	3 50
Oct. 7...	Supplies, on requisition by Assistant Adjutant General.....	37 80
	Three hundred blank commissions.....	21 00
Oct. 30...	Expenses Com. Foote to Flint.....	4 54
Dec. 7...	Telephoning by Com. Foote to Lansing.....	1 10
	One thousand five hundred circular letters.....	3 00
	Six Past Com. rank bars.....	1 26
	Expenses for telephoning expenses, lock, etc.....	5 73
	Stamps, P. O. box, etc.....	18 35
	R. R. fare to Romeo and return, and meals, A. A. G.....	5 20
	"In memorium" circulars and general orders.....	3 50
Dec. 17...	Q. M. Gen. for supplies.....	48 55
	Flection return blanks, credential blank, etc.....	9 00
	Stamps.....	20 64
1909.		
Jan. —...	Circulars.....	3 00
	Printing.....	90 05
	Asst. Adj. Gen., postage and box rent.....	23 13
Feb. —...	Com. Foote, expenses to Lansing to meet Executive Committee.....	8 10
Mar. —...	Per capita tax.....	178 89
	Com. Foote, expenses to Detroit to secure rates for State encampment.....	14 74
	Com. Foote, expenses to Three Rivers.....	3 38
	Department banner.....	35 00
	Asst. Adj. Gen., expense to Kalamazoo.....	3 68
	Copy book, etc.....	2 85
	Wm. H. Cook, Cou. of Adm., one-half day.....	2 00
	M. D. Richardson, Cou. of Adm.....	7 50
	D. C. Spears, Cou. of Adm.....	5 00
	Com. Foote, Cou. of Adm.....	8 30
	Com. Foote, telephoning and stamps expenses.....	3 96
	Patriotic instructor, expenses to Romeo.....	5 70
	Chester B. McCormick, 31½ hrs. off, work.....	14 17
	Printing blanks.....	3 50
	Printing circular letters.....	3 00
	Asst. Adj. Gen. to Detroit to attend Michigan Passenger Association meeting for rates.....	6 50
	Asst. Adj. Gen., postage.....	14 04
	Asst. Adj. Gen., telephone rent, etc.....	6 03

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DISBURSEMENTS—Concluded.

Date.	Disbursements.	Amount.
April —	Printing circular letter	\$3 50
	Com. Foote, expenses to Muskegon	5 72
	Q. M. Gen., for supplies	38 44
May —	Per capita tax paid for delinquent posts	9 52
	Printing and binding rosters, 1909	45 00
	Expense Geo. E. Foote to Lansing to see about battle flags ordered, Com. Foote	8 64
Jan. —	Q. M. Gen. White, postage and telephone	8 41
Jan. 22	Printing bill	33 95
	Asst. Adjt. Gen. Post	13 50
	Supplies, general	7 68
	Com. Foote, expense account	1 80
	Asst. Adjt. Gen., expense	2 45
	Adj. Gen., salary for year as per vouchers, 2, 3, 8, 9, 16, 13, 15, 17, 19, 19, 20, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, 37, 44, 48, 50, 60	1,100 00
	Paid Asst. Q. M. Gen., salary for year, 22, 38	50 00
	Paid W. W. Cook, attendance Executive Committee, Kalamazoo	2 40
	Paid M. D. Richardson, Executive Committee, Kalamazoo	4 86
	Paid D. C. Spears, Executive Committee, Kalamazoo	4 25
	Paid Henry Spaulding, Credential Committee	1 25
	Paid O. F. Kaywood, Credential Committee	1 75
	Total disbursements	\$2,867 34

Date.	Alger fund.	Amount.	Amount.
1909.			
June 22	To the Alger fund	\$1,000 00	
	To the W. R. C. fund	869 00	
	By paid expense Pat. Instructor Barney to Romeo		\$5 70
	By paid expense Asst. Adjt. Gen. to Romeo		1 20
	By paid per capita tax act ng posts		9 52
	To interest from City Nat. Bank, Kalamazoo	21 84	
	Balance on hand		\$870 42
		\$890 84	\$890 84
	To balance on hand, W. R. C. fund	\$870 42	
	To total receipts, general fund	4,804 28	
	Disbursements		\$2,867 34
	Balance on hand		1,936 94
			\$4,804 28
	There is in the Assistant Quarter Master General's hands:		
	General fund	\$1,936 94	
	Alger fund	1,000 00	
	W. R. C. fund	870 42	
		\$3,807 36	
	To total receipts	\$6,674 70	
	Disbursements		\$2,867 34
	Cash on hand		3,807 36
	Total Alger fund		\$6,674 70

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES E. WHITE,
Assistant Quartermaster General.

Department Commander: I will refer the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General to the following committee:

Comrade Jacob Bristol, Post 384; Comrade A. A. Udell, Post 72; Comrade William Davey, Post 17.

The next in order will be the report of the Medical Director.

Comrade John C. Solmon: Commander and Comrades: My report must necessarily be very brief.

I received only one report during the year from a Post and that was Orcutt Post of Kalamazoo. That was the only post reporting to me. And that, unfortunately was burned in a fire that destroyed my office late in the spring, and its contents were lost. I had hoped to have had reports from other posts in the department, and to have kept a detailed account, but the one report was all I received, and as I say, that was destroyed by fire.

Department Commander: I guess we will have to receive the medical director's report without reference. It is a pretty hard matter to appoint a committee on a verbal report.

The next in order will be the report of our Department Chaplain, Comrade Rev. William Putnam.

The Chaplain's report was then read as follows:

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

LANSING MICH., June 21, 1909.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan,
G. A. R.:

Dear Sir and Comrade: I desire to make to you the following report as Chaplain of this Department, for the year 1908:

Number of Posts making to me their Memorial Day reports, as far as could be obtained, was	290
Number of Posts that observed Memorial Sunday	280
Number that had sermons preached to them	280
Number of Veterans that preached sermons	13
Number of Sons of Veterans who preached sermons	25
Number of Veterans who attended these services	7,394
Number of Posts that observed Decoration Day	283
Number of Veterans who attended this observance	8,934
Number of Cemeteries where soldiers' graves were decorated....	962
Number of soldiers' graves decorated	24,992
Number of graves unmarked by proper headstones	2,257
Number of public schools uniting in this observance	522
Number of scholars attending it	34,654
Number of other organizations joining in it	271
Number of public addresses delivered	247
Number of veterans who delivered addresses	40
Number of Sons of Veterans who delivered addresses	29
Number of Posts owning burial plots in cemeteries ...	163

Added to these formal statistics, two Posts, No. 48, Jackson, and No. 66, East Jordan, report a most favorable observance of Decoration Day; business houses closed, masses of people in attendance, no public games or amusements to mar and desecrate the day permitted.

Post 98, Port Huron, introduced a rare and appropriate, if not a splendid feature. Forty boys were selected by the city superintendent of public schools, as a token of merit, each wearing a special badge, to assist in decorating our comrades graves. The cemetery was divided into three sections and the boys into three bands, each band led by an old soldier, who entertained them with short war stories, or personal experiences, as he led them from grave to grave distributing flowers. The Boys were delighted with the service, and the honor conferred upon them and became deeply interested in the old soldiers, and Decoration Day. Could such an example be extensively imitated, it would be many years before our memorial services would go begging for interest, or lack ready and devoted participators in it.

Our staunch old comrade and friend, J. G. Berry, Post 263, Vanderbilt, reports another and very enticing feature of their memorial service, which, if generally imitated, would draw all our comrades to it as by a magnet.

He says, "We have only 16 members, but every old soldier in our community was invited to unite with us in our observance, and responded. After decoration at the cemetery and return to town, we found a fine supper ready for us, prepared by the people of the village, especially for the comrades and relief corps."

Such are some of the bright spots along our pathway, that cheer us on and help to lighten the burdens of age and infirmity.

Gradual, but inevitable, are the records of decline written on the face of our great historic organization more and more vividly each year. The number of the living must constantly decrease; the number of the graves we visit and decorate must constantly increase.

The aged, the infirm, the suffering, the weary "go to their long home, and the mourners go about the streets."

Yet, taking these inevitable things into due consideration, together with the many years the G. A. R. has existed, composed mostly of men past middle life, when the best era and activities of life are supposed to be passed, and the vast amount of work and benefit it has accomplished and still accomplishes, we have no reason to falter, nor be despondent, much less blush at any reference to our history.

Its public and private functions, though on an immense scale and extending over an immense territory—the entire north and south—wherever comrades fell and were buried, even though their names were unknown, there our work is still maintained with remarkable efficiency and success, and practically no grave overlooked or forgotten, no widow or orphan neglected. Thus are we sustaining and imitating that true courage and loyalty displayed on hundreds of battlefields and worthy of the crowning triumph at Appomattox, and the glories of a saved, harmonized and united nation. Thus, as a grand organization we still live for a great purpose, making our indelible mark on the world. We may die, but our works shall live. Memorial day may expire with some sitting sun, but its light shall shine on through all future history.

Memory can only look back upon the past. It cannot bring back to us our dead, nor a moment of the years that are gone. But it can and should, bring to us from the past the impressive and urgent admonition—"What thou doest, do quickly." May we give this admonition wise and faithful heed.

How deep and wonderful is the spirit of our comradeship! a bright, sweet mystery to us all, constituting one of the broadest and strongest human ties that ever bound great numbers of men together in life and death. It appeals to us today and urges us to a renewed and tightening grasp of hands, and beating of hearts in unison, in our distinctive bond of *Fraternity* and work of *Charity*, not as a formula, but a life manifested towards each other and the suffering and needy falling within the compass of our organized care and vocation.

As our numbers decrease, what once great numbers accomplished, less numbers must undertake, especially on Memorial Day. As the task grows heavier it demands greater courage, determination, and unwearied diligence in the discharge of our sacred duties; and we must not cease pushing the campaign for the memory and honor of the dead and relief and justice to the living, until the final victory is won, and each receives an honorable discharge.

WILLIAM PUTNAM,
Department Chaplain.

Lansing, June 21st, 1909.

Department Commander: I will refer the report of our chaplain to Comrade Col. Fred Schneider, Post 42, Comrade J. A. Probasco, Post 100 and Comrade M. D. Brainard, Post 111.

We will now listen to the report of the special committee appointed to visit the Soldiers' Home, Comrade Northwood, chairman.

The report was read as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO VISIT SOLDIERS' HOME.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan, G. A. R.

Sir: The committee appointed to visit the Michigan Soldiers' Home asks leave to submit the following report:

On February 13th, 1909, the said committee appointed by Comrade C. E. Foote, Department Commander of the Department of Michigan G. A. R. consisting of Comrades John Northwood, Post 438; Albert Dunham, Post 48, and Edward C. Anthony, Post 300, met at the Morton House in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and at once proceeded to the Soldiers' Home, for the purpose of visiting the Home and inspecting the several departments therein. After having reported to Col. George H. Turner, the Commandant of the Home, under his guidance we proceeded to perform our duty and inspected every part of the Home, including all the adjacent buildings, the different wards and companies, the reading room and library, the dining room, kitchen, store room, laundry, bath

rooms, barber shop, shoemaking and tailoring departments; the toilet rooms, dispensary and hospital, including the Woman's Building, commonly called the Annex.

The Adjutant's office was first visited. We are pleased to report that we found Adjutant Taylor a comrade who has lost an arm in the service of his country, having served in a Regiment from Pennsylvania during the Civil War, thoroughly competent to discharge the duties of the office which he occupies.

The population of the Home is as follows:

ROSTER, MICHIGAN SOLDIERS' HOME, FEBRUARY 13, 1909.

	Present in quarters.	Hospital.	Total Present.	Absent.	Total.
Men	935	178	1,113	163	1,276
Women	101	32	133	14	147

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP.

Present	1,246
Absent	177
Total	1,423

QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

The Quartermaster's Department was next visited and was found to be well stocked with the regulation uniforms of dark blue, as adopted for the members of the Home.

The shoes were well adapted in shape and size for the use of those who are there to wear them.

Shirts and underwear were of the best, and all the goods there for the use of the members were well made and suitable.

DINING ROOM.

The dining room is too small for the population now in the Home. The tables have to be changed three times for each meal. The first breakfast is called at 5:30 A. M. The first dinner is called at 10:30 A. M. The first supper is called at 5 P. M. There can be seated at one sitting about 350 members of the Home.

The table tops are painted white enamel and set with white dishes. The menu for dinner the day of our visit was:

Bean soup, pork and beans, boiled potatoes, white and brown bread, fine creamery butter, tea and coffee, and milk when ordered by the surgeon.

In and about the kitchen, pantry and dining room, everything was in perfect order. The sanitary conditions were excellent, and as we saw it, could not be improved upon, except possibly the floor of the dining room might be improved by substituting cement for the floor there, which was of wood.

BAKERY.

Our visit to this Department was very satisfactory. We were received very courteously by the baker-in-chief, who seemed to know how to conduct a bakery. Everything around the establishment was in clean and perfect order. We are informed that there were baked each day from 250 to 300 3-pound loaves of bread, which, allowing your committee to be the judges, was of the finest kind. There are 2,400 biscuits baked for supper. For Sunday dinners, there are baked 215 pies.

LAUNDRY.

This Department is well equipped with all improved machinery for the expeditious discharge of the work to be done there. The chief in charge informed us that there were 35,000 pieces laundered each month.

GREEN HOUSE.

This Department we found was being maintained in a first class manner and is in charge of a very competent florist.

We were informed that in the Green House were fully 80,000 pots of plants, besides very much shrubbery, all for the use of the Home, and Home grounds during the next summer. We feel well satisfied that to live among the constant bloom of flowers must add greatly to the lives of our aged comrades, who are members of the Home.

BARBER SHOP.

This shop appeared to be conducted in a clean and orderly manner and was operated by parties not connected with the Home, their tenure of occupancy depending entirely upon the manner in which the shop was conducted.

MAIN BUILDING.

This building contains a majority of the population of the Home, also the quarters for the Commandant of the Home, offices, dining room, kitchen and rooms for quartermasters' stores and library. Your committee found the building over-filled. Every place in the quarters of the several companies where room could be found, a bed was placed, besides on both sides of the aisles throughout the building cots were placed for the sleeping accommodations of the members.

We also found the attic of the main building occupied by cots used for sleeping accommodations.

NORTH DORMITORY.

Was visited by your committee, which we found in the same condition as the Main building, crowded to the limit of its capacity. In the north end of this building is located the Chapel, which is used for funerals and religious services by both the Protestants and Roman Catholics.

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SOUTH DORMITORY.

Which was visited by your Committee and was found as to capacity as over-full, kept in good order, as are the Main building and north dormitory.

RECREATION HALL AND CLUB ROOM.

This building is intended more for summer use than for winter use. It is of wood and of rustic style of architecture. A very fine place for our weary comrades to enjoy themselves at pleasure.

STORE.

In connection with the Home is a small store operated by parties not connected with the Home. It is a very necessary adjunct to the Home, where the members can obtain at a reasonable price such articles as they think they need, which are not furnished by the Home.

THE HOSPITAL.

This very important Department was visited by your committee and special notice was taken of all the surroundings thereof. We are pleased to report that this hospital is fully equipped with all the appliances needed in a hospital. The pharmacy was presided over by a Registered Pharmacist and appeared to be well supplied with drugs and medicines. The appearance of those who are inmates was good, considering their ages and diseased conditions.

This building has been built within the last four years, of brick, and is four stories high. It is easy of exit in case of fire or other calamity.

At the time of the visit of your committee, there were sick in the hospital, 178 men, and 32 women who are members of the Woman's Department of the Michigan Soldiers' Home.

The menu for the day was, dinner: Bean soup, pork and beans, mashed potatoes, bread and good creamery butter, corn starch pudding, tea, coffee and milk.

This menu was and is divided up among the inmates of the hospital under the direction of the surgeon in charge, he prescribing the diet for each patient. There are extras prescribed for the more feeble ones.

WOMAN'S BUILDING.

This Department is presided over by a matron, Mrs. Sara L. Brown, the widow of Comrade Giles T. Brown, who served in Co. H. 22nd Regt., Michigan Vol. Inf., during the Civil War.

There were at the time of the visit of your committee 101 members present. Your committee was received very kindly by the matron, who made special effort to show us the building and all its departments from basement to attic. Everywhere we went we found perfect order. The rooms and their occupants were clean and tidy. The kitchen and pantry were models of cleanliness and good order. The table was furnished with white linen table cloths, napkins and white dishes. The dining room was scrupulously clean and in perfect order. The members with whom we talked expressed themselves as being well cared for, with good

and an abundance of rations. They had no fault to find with their surroundings.

CONCLUSION.

Your committee feels under obligations to the officers of the Home for their kind and gentlemanly treatment while we were making our official visit. We were shown to any and all Departments of the Home that we desired to visit, and full explanations were made to us of the workings and practices adopted for the discipline and good of the Home.

We feel it our duty at this time to congratulate our comrades upon their good fortune to be entitled to the magnanimity of a generous people for the benefits of such a Home as is the Michigan Soldiers' Home. When it is taken into consideration that the ages of the members of the Home range from sixty-two years to ninety-four years, we one and all have good reasons to feel thankful that our less fortunate comrades have a place where they can rest their weary limbs during their declining years, after the performance of their arduous services for the support and maintenance of the Government of the United States, which we believe to be the best government on earth to her soldiers, sailors and marines.

Your Committee further reports that they take great pleasure in endorsing the entire management of the Home as being in accord with the views of your committee, and which, as we see it, is for the full benefit of the veterans under their care.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

JOHN NORTHWOOD,

ALBERT DUNHAM,

ED C. ANTHONY,

Committee.

Dated June 22nd, 1909.

Department Commander: You have heard the report of the special committee appointed to visit the Soldiers' home. What will you do with it?

Comrade Jibb, Post 115: I move that it be accepted and adopted.

The motion was carried.

Comrade Cunningham, Post 132: Commander, I have just been requested to inform you that a committee from the Ladies of G. A. R. wishes to be introduced to this convention.

Department Commander: How many ladies are there?

Comrade Cunningham: I will ascertain if you desire it.

Department Commander: Never mind.

Comrade Cunningham: There are four ladies.

Department Commander: I will appoint as a committee to escort the ladies to the rostrum Comrades Griswold, Kidd, Dean and Kanitz.

(The committee thus appointed retired and escorted the ladies to the platform where they were introduced to the Department Commander, the convention standing and giving the proper salute.)

Department Commander: Comrades it gives me pleasure to introduce to you Mrs. Lane, National President of the G. A. R.

Mrs. Lane: Mr. Commander, Comrades and Friends: I have indeed been honored this morning by our state president in asking me to accompany this committee with greetings to your encampment, and I assure

you that I consider it one of the greatest honors that can be conferred upon a Grand Army woman, that of bringing a word of greeting to the dear old Grand Army boys.

Comrades, I have been traveling all over this country in the company of the Commander-in-Chief and his escorts, and I assure you that the Grand Army boys have certainly believed, just as the maiden lady who had entered the contest for a prize to be given to the one who should write the best essay on "How to retain the affections of a husband" and the maiden lady who won the prize wrote an essay consisting of three words—"Feed the brute." (Laughter.) The Grand Army men have certainly believed in "feeding the brute" and the Grand Army girls in "feeding the brutess" as well. I have the terrible habit of eating everything put before me. So I assure you, comrades, this morning you have done me good as far as you can.

Now I know you have all heard or have been told many times that God made the world and rested; then God made Adam and rested; and that He then made women, and since then neither God, man nor his satanic majesty have ever rested. (Applause and laughter.) But we girls have heard that God first made the world, and rested; then God made Adam and rested and while resting He took a good look at Adam and he said "O pshaw, I know I can do better than that" and He then made woman. (Laughter and applause.) So, comrades, we women think that you cannot do just as well by yourselves as you can with a little help from the women. And we have banded ourselves together to perpetuate your memories, to keep forever sacred Memorial Day and to assist the Grand Army of the Republic in its high and holy mission of charity, to teach patriotism to the children of our land and to assist each other in sickness or trouble of any kind. Surely our work is great and grand enough to command our highest thoughts and noblest endeavors. And I will say to you that our great patriotic organization of nearly sixty thousand women is making history. Our lamented President McKinley once said "Every time you erect a monument, every time you honor a soldier of the Republic you reaffirm your devotion to the country and to the glorious flag of equality and liberty which has made the United States unrivaled amongst the nations of the world." And we the ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic have worked along these lines. We have erected hundreds of monuments all over this broad land of ours, in honor of our Union comrades. (Applause.) We have built and are furnishing many homes in the different states for the comfort of the comrade, his wife, widow or relatives. And I will say to you that I have just inspected two of our homes in Pennsylvania, one in the city of Philadelphia which cost us \$65,000 and one in the city of Hawkins Station which cost us \$80,000. Comrades, that is just a little of our work in one state. And we assure you that your sacrifices from 1861 to 1865 shall never be forgotten. Old Glory commands the admiration and respect of the world today, and it has been well proved that where the flag is there is no wrong that can quite eclipse the right, nor is there water enough in any ocean to sink that flag.

Comrades, in speaking of the flag I am reminded of a toast that was given by the five sea captains, and it was decided that the one who gave the best toast to his country should be treated to a banquet by the

other four. The Russian started in this way—"Here's to the stars and bars of Russia which have never been torn down."

The Turk—"Here's to the moon of Turkey whose wings have never been clipped."

The Frenchman—"Here's to the bird of France whose claws have never been cut."

The American—"Here's to the stars and stripes of America which have never been trailed in defeat."

The Englishman—"Here's to the roaring, ramping lion of England, who tore down the stars and bars of Russia, cut the wings of the moon of turkey, clipped the claws of the bird of France and ran like the deuce from the stars and stripes." (Prolonged Applause and laughter.)

Commander, I now present to you this little bouquet, from the Ladies of the Department of the Grand Army of the Republic, one of the precepts we hold sacred, being "A wee nosegay placed here today is worth a bushel of roses, white or red, laid on your casket after you are dead." (Applause.) Comrades of the Grand Army this debt, we the ladies of the Grand Army bind upon our hearts which time cannot dissever, to guard your names and shield your fame forever and forever. (Prolonged applause.)

Department Commander: I accept this bouquet in behalf of the Grand Army of Michigan and I am sure that the comrades are well satisfied that it is not best for man to be alone. (Applause.)

I wish to introduce to you, comrades, Mrs. Dickson.

Mrs. Dickson: Commander and Comrades and Shipmates: I am not as eloquent as the speaker who just preceded me but I bring you the hearty greetings of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan who are composed of your wives, your mothers, your sisters, your daughters, your very kith and kin who are always ready awaiting your command to do all we can for your pleasure and happiness as well as your comfort in life and do you honor in death thus to show our gratitude and appreciation of the noble work that you have done and the sacrifices that you have made that this flag may wave forever. Even then our work is not finished; for we look after, with tender care, those who are left behind. Their sorrows are our sorrows and every grief we share with them and every great loss they are called upon to bear. This is the mission of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. We deeply sympathize with you in the loss of your Department Commander; but he is only gone a little while before to answer the call of life and to receive the reward which the Great Commander has prepared for every veteran of the Grand Army of the Republic. I thank you. (Applause.)

REPORT OF LADIES OF G. A. R.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE LADIES OF THE G. A. R.,
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN.

DETROIT, MICH., June 20, 1909.

Department Commander, Grand Army of the Republic of Michigan:

Dear Sir: It gives me great pleasure to give to you the report of the work done by the Ladies of the G. A. R. during the year. While we cannot report a gain in new circles yet the interest is just as strong and our hearts are more willing than ever to do all in our power to help those who still remain with us.

Amount spent for relief	\$132 50
Other than relief	552 72
Amount given to G. A. R. Posts	139 50
Honorary members	266
Active members	683
Amount given to Soldiers' Home	\$20 21
Flags placed upon the breasts of departed comrades	45

Several circles have contributed to the fund for paying the per capita tax of comrades, and we are doing all in our power along all lines of G. A. R. work.

Yours most sincerely in F. C. and L,
ANNA M. EARLE,
Department President.

(Whereupon the ladies were escorted from the platform while the convention stood in their places.)

Comrade Kanitz: Commander, I move that we now take a recess until after the parade of this afternoon when we will again assemble here.

The motion was carried and a recess was taken. . .

AFTER RECESS.

The Department Commander and Officers appearing for the resumption of business after recess, and there not being a quorum present,

Comrade Van Raalte: Commander, I move that we adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The motion was carried, and the convention was adjourned accordingly.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

Thursday A. M., June 24, 1909.

The convention was duly called to order by the Department Commander, all of the officers being in their respective places.

Department Commander: Now, Comrades, we will be obliged to facilitate business as much as possible, as I understand there are to be two free rides this afternoon and we want to get through here so that the comrades can take advantage of this entertainment; so if there will be as little noise and disturbance as possible we will be enabled to transact business speedily. We will resume the business where we left off last evening and the first thing in order will be the report of the Judge Advocate.

REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE.

Three Rivers, June 22, 1909.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General Department of Michigan,
Grand Army of the Republic:

I have the honor to report my work as Judge Advocate of this Department during the past year.

The work of the Judge Advocate has not been heavy. The principal work has been in writing letters and answering questions which, had the comrades consulted the Rules and Regulations, would have been answered therein. Two or three questions however have arisen that may be of interest.

The matter of Post No. 202 was submitted by Commander C. E. Foote. I give you my decision in the matter:

Three Rivers, December 31, 1908.

Col. Charles E. Foote, Dept. Commander, Dept. of Michigan, Grand
Army of the Republic, Kalamazoo, Mich.:

Dear Commander: I beg leave to report, in response to yours of the 28th inst., submitting the following statement and questions, towit:

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 26, 1908.

Statement of condition of Albert Ney Post 202, Department of Michigan, G. A. R.:

The Commander of Post 202. Fremont H. Price sent in the charter and rituals July 7, 1908, without any explanation. The Adjutant General wrote for an explanation. Reply was that the officers had got tired of

going to meetings and not find comrades enough present to do business, and had decided to surrender the charter.

It developed afterwards that the officers had not sent notice to the members of the Post of the contemplated action to surrender the charter, but did surrender the charter without formal action of the post.

That numerous letters have been written to members of the Post but no formal protest against the action of the officers in surrendering the charter has been made.

On September 7, 1908, the Adjutant General received a list of 23 names sent in by J. K. Starkweather, saying they wanted Albert Nye Post No. 202 reorganized. This list was not signed by each individual, but all in the handwriting of Starkweather, with request for the Assistant Adjutant General to write each one and fix a time of meeting.

The Assistant Adjutant General did not write to all of them, but did write to some of them; when from replies received it developed that there was a strong opposition to Starkweather—that he was not a member of the G. A. R., and that his efforts in behalf of the Post was for personal ends.

The Assistant Adjutant General then took up the matter with several members of the Post, receiving letters of encouragement from some and of discouragement from others. It was finally decided by the Department to send Comrade Barney, of Post No. 145, Flint, to Romeo and see what could be done. He was met by only four or five comrades and some members of the W. R. C. But little was accomplished, yet Comrade Barney reported that he thought a Post could be organized.

After further correspondence the Department Commander authorized the Assistant Adjutant General and Department Patriotic Instructor, M. C. Barney, to visit Romeo and make another effort at organizing a Post. These Comrades visited Romeo, after notice had been sent to several Comrades that they would be there, but like the previous effort very few were out to the meeting—in fact but two members came to the Post hall, but ten or twelve members of the W. R. C. were present. It was then agreed that another effort would be made. As a result after a short time a petition drawn by Comrade H. S. White, and signed by fifteen members asking that the Post be reorganized, and Comrade White suggested that the name be Gen. R. A. Alger Post. The Assistant Adjutant General wrote him that the name R. A. Alger had been appropriated by the last Post organized, located at Rapid City, but suggested other names.

After a couple weeks or more, received letter from Comrade White claiming Post had not been disbanded, and unless the old charter was returned he would have nothing to do with the organizing of the Post.

As requested by Comrade C. S. Hicks, arrangements were made for a meeting on December 22, 1908, for reorganization. Senior Vice-Commander, Geo. L. Holmes, of Detroit, was detailed to go to Romeo and muster the Post. A sufficient number to organize failed to appear, so that no organization was affected.

On Dec. 26th a letter was received from Starkweather saying if the old chapter was returned the Post would be organized, etc.

QUESTIONS.

First. Is not Albert Nye Post No. 202 disbanded? If not legally, then by default of members in not making an appeal within the four months limited by Rules and Regulations?

Second. If disbanded, would the reorganized Post be allowed to take the old name?

Third. If not disbanded, what is the proper action for the Post to take? If the old charter should be returned under the decision that the Post was not legally disbanded, what is the status of the Post officers who were holding their places at the time the charter was surrendered—would not the Post Commander be entitled to the honors of his office?

Fourth. What is the proper and legal method for the Department to pursue, if the present methods have not been right. What in your opinion is the proper way to reorganize the Post?

That I have carefully considered the facts and questions submitted, and in answer to the first question, I answer—No. Section 2 of Article I of our order provides: "That no Charter shall be surrendered by any Post so long as ten members thereof demand its continuance, nor unless the proposition to surrender the Charter shall have been made at a stated meeting at least four weeks before the time of action, and due notice given to every member of the Post."

No proposition to surrender the Charter having been submitted to vote of the Comrades, and due notice to every member of the Post not having been given and, so far as appears from the statement, no vote of the Comrades was ever taken, therefore, the action of the officers of the Post was clearly illegal and void, and as there was a total lack of jurisdiction no appeal was necessary, and the members of the Post waived nothing by not taking an appeal, and it appearing from all of the statements and letters submitted to me that many more than ten members of the Post desire that the Charter shall be returned, therefore I recommend that the Charter be returned to the officers of the Post who sent it in to the Adjutant General's office, with the recommendation that they resume business.

It is evident that there has been some friction, a difference of opinion and a lack of diligence, but the good of the order and the welfare of the comrades and the officers all seem to require that these should be overlooked, and that the Post should resume holding meetings, and the comrades get together and do business in a spirit of fraternity, charity and loyalty.

In view of my answer to the first question, the second question needs no answer.

In answer to the third question, I recommend that a stated meeting be called for the regular meeting, and that notice of such meeting, and its purpose, be given each comrade by card, and that harmony be restored, and a meeting and election be held, and that these comrades acquit themselves like brave men, which indeed they are. It is not best to be too technical at this period of the Grand Army—the object should be to save the Posts and comrades to our order, and my suggestions are made in view of the Rules and Regulations and this prime object. If an

election should be held, an installation will follow, of course, in due time, and by the proper officers. I hold that the Charter was never surrendered, and that the Post Commander and other officers, are entitled to the honors of their offices. Now, that so many of the comrades ask for the return of the Charter, I most earnestly implore them to accept these suggestions, and if adopted no reorganization of the Post will be necessary. I would urge them to resume business—hold an election and abide by the will of the majority. We fought for the law of majorities, and certainly we ought to abide by it when legally expressed. If there is any one or more officers that feels that he cannot do this, then I implore him to resign and the vacancy can be filled under the rules of the order. The conditions as presented by the statement are exceptional, so I venture these suggestions with the hope that they may aid in an adjustment. Section 3 of Article I provides: "That Post Charters may be surrendered voluntarily when less than ten members desire a continuance of the Post." Section 4 of Article I provides how Charters of Posts may be suspended by the Department Commander.

Under the rules all officers hold until their successors are installed.

If no election should be held the old officers will hold over.

All of which is respectfully submitted in

F. C. L.

The following question was submitted by a comrade of Post 43, through the Assistant Adjutant General:

Blissfield, March 29, 1908.

A comrade of the Post has gotten up a eulogy on the flag which he proposes to use in connection with the ritual services at the funeral of deceased comrades. Some of the Comrades of the Post object to its being used as it is not a part of service as adopted by the National Encampments. Question! "Do you think it proper that this flag address should be used in the services for the burial of the dead? If a majority of the members of the Post favor using it would it then be proper? Your opinion will settle this controversy.

I replied as follows:

"It is my opinion that no comrade has the right to add to the service for the burial of the dead. If one comrade has such rights then all others have. If a minority object a majority should not impose. For the sake of harmony and good comradeship it will be safest to adhere to the ritual. What one comrade may approve of others may dislike.

Respectfully yours in F. C and L.,

R. R. PEALER,

Judge Advocate.

The following question from the Quartermaster of Post No. 234 was received through the hands of the Assistant Adjutant General:

Hubbardston, January 12, 1909.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R.

Dear Comrade: I am in need of a little advice. The Post here is an incorporated body owns its own hall and the lot it stands upon. There is much said about giving the W. R. C. a joint deed, or a deed of an undivided half interest, but few of the comrades are in favor of it

and the W. R. C. are about evenly divided on the question. The W. R. C. are not incorporated. Can the Post give them a deed of one-half lawfully? What is your opinion and advice?

RALPH HOGE,
Quartermaster.

The letter as quoted was sent to me by the Assistant Adjutant General asking my opinion on the questions asked.

My reply was as follows:

Three Rivers, Mich., Jan. 14, 1909.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan,
G. A. R.

Dear Comrade: Yours of the 13th inst., referring Comrade Hoge's letter of the 12th inst. to you, to me, received. If the Post is incorporated and has the title to the property it can not dispose of it except in the way pointed out by the law and the articles of Association under which it become incorporated. It can not convey title to the W. R. C. as it is not an incorporated body and is not authorized to hold real estate, and it can not take a good title to the whole or half of it. The best thing to do will be to hold and enjoy the property as long as possible and give the W. R. C. rent free as they do so much for our comrades. When the post disbands the law which may be in force at that time will govern. No one can tell now what its provisions will be so there is no use of speculating about it. It may be that the Legislature will provide for the incorporation of local W. R. C. bodies and that an association may be organized eventually which will have the right to take the title, if the members of both orders differ in view, the very best thing for them to do is to cease agitating the question and when the time comes for a distribution, let the survivors employ a good lawyer to direct their steps. I once heard of a young married couple who commenced disputing about what the name of their first child should be and they kept it up until they parted and they never had a child to name. No one can tell who is going to live or which against time will live the longest or who of either will survive to call for the final distribution, therefore it will be prudent to let that question rest.

Very respectfully yours in F. C. and L.

R. R. PEALER,
Judge Advocate.

Comrade Pealer: If there are no objections I move the adoption of the report without reference to a committee.

The motion was carried.

Department Commander: We will now listen to the report of the Chief Mustering Officer.

J. M. Greenfield, Chief Mustering Officer made verbal report:

Commander and Comrades: The position of Chief Mustering Officer has become one of honor more than labor. There has been no new Posts to muster. It seems that the time is past for forming new Posts and the only thing we can do is to work to maintain the Posts we already have. I am intensely interested in keeping up the membership of our order and wish that some method could be devised whereby every com-

rade who wore the blue could be induced to join our ranks. I am proud to be called a Grand Army man. I want to thank you, Commander, for the honor conferred in appointing me one of the members of your staff and only regret I am not able to make a better report.

Department Commander: The report being verbal and no recommendations being made, the report will be accepted.

Comrade Stone presented the report of the Committee on the report of the Assistant Adjutant General.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Your Committee to whom was referred the report of the Assistant Adjutant General have made a careful examination of the report and find it correct and recommend its acceptance and adoption by this encampment.

GEO. W. STONE.
GEO. BAAB.

Comrade Stone: I move the adoption of the report.

The motion was carried.

Comrade Harriman, Post 110: Commander and Comrades: In the Assistant Adjutant General's report there was a statement in regard to the southern memorial fund, and there were some inquiries made as to what the object of the fund was. I want to say in behalf of the members of the Grand Army in the State of Florida, and in the southern part of Georgia, that there is no call for any such fund. There are more union soldiers in that part of the country than there are confederates, and they are amply able and more than willing to attend to the decoration of their comrades' graves. It is my pleasure to be present on Decoration Day on the

Department Commander: (Interrupting) I think that the object of the report was covered by the report itself and don't believe we will take up time to go over it again.

Comrade Van Raalte: I move you that the hour of ten o'clock this morning be set for the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Comrade Griswold: I will support the motion.

Comrade Van Raalte: I make this motion at this time on account of many of the comrades desiring to be present at the election who are obliged to leave the city, and therefore I think we should fix the election for ten o'clock.

Comrade Duffield: I support that motion and would suggest that there will be considerable time whiel the ballots are being counted to transact other business.

The motion was carried.

Department Commander: We will now take up the report of the Department Inspector.

Comrade Bellaire: Post No. 5: Commander and Comrades: The proper form for inspection of Posts was duly mailed to each of the Posts of the State; but up to January 10 I received ten reports out of 313 Posts. You have all heard the report of the Adjutant General. The Adjutant General's report as reported here and read yesterday covers

- nearly all the points of the inspection of posts, and therefore, as I received no reports but the ten out of 313, I have no written report to make this morning.

Department Commander: What will you do with the report?

Comrade Griswold: I move it be accepted and placed on file.

The motion was carried.

Comrade Pond: It seems to me Commander, that we ought to have the names of the ten Posts that reported. It seems to me we ought to have those names so those Posts may be given full credit.

Comrade Davy: Post 17: Commander, I think that the Posts who reported should be given the credit for it, seeing there were only ten out of 313, and I think those Posts should be specified.

Comrade Bellaire: I want to say that Fairbanks Post did make a report but Detroit Post did not. (Laughter.)

Comrade Drake: Commander, the question involved in the making of those reports was up once before and was settled in this way, that it was left to the discretion of the Post as to whether they would make inspection reports or not, and that action was ratified by the encampment, and that perhaps accounts for so few posts sending in reports.

Department Commander: The next in order of business is the report of the Patriotic Instructor.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan,
Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrade: It becomes my duty as Department Patriotic Instructor to report for the current year now closing as follows:

Upon assuming the office which was tendered me by our lamented and dearly beloved Commander Foote without solicitation on my part, I fully realized the importance of the work and was in hearty sympathy with the aims and objects having commenced visiting schools several years ago. I have enjoyed the duties more than those of any other office which I ever held in the gift of the Grand Army of the Republic. Having the privilege of giving patriotic instruction to the youth should be regarded by all Grand Army men as a privilege not accorded to others. As so many have said money could not buy the honors if they were theirs, so let us cherish this privilege and give to the rising generation the points so sacred to us that have been left out of their history. When we stop and think of the hundreds of battles that were fought of which no account is given only as given by the old soldiers, and the short space of time in which to give them, we should not only be in earnest but faithful. None of us can directly teach or dictate what shall be taught in the schools. We can by conference with superintendents, principals and teachers and by showing an earnest interest in the observance of National Holidays exercise a powerful influence in patriotic and educational work. If the patriotic salute "We give our heads and hearts to God and our country, one country, one language, one flag" be thoroughly

taught in every school and the children take these teachings into their homes there will be no need of the question on our blanks, "How many Anarchists in your neighborhood?"

The future of this government depends upon the patriotic teachings from the old soldier to the teachers and scholars of this beautiful land of ours which would never have been given to the rising generation had it not been for the Boys in Blue. In beginning the patriotic educational work of the year I issued a circular letter which reads as follows:

Office of Department Patriotic Instructor,
Flint, February 23, 1909.

Post Patriotic Instructor:

Comrade: Answering the many inquiries I have received regarding the duties of the Post Patriotic Instructor, will say: As I see the work before us, it is this: We have but a few years to do a work that should have been commenced 20 years ago. Many of us have grown old very fast in the past few years and have forgotten so much of our war records that should have been given to the rising generation long ago. We now find them anxious to hear from the lips of those that were there. Comrades, did you ever think how little history our children are getting of that terrible war from '61 to '65? Look school histories over and then compare with your own record and you will find many stories to tell which never have been told, not only to our school children but to others. In my opinion as Department Patriotic Instructor, we should get in close touch with our several schools, and in so doing we should not only teach patriotism, but leave a history with the children when we have answered the last roll call. Try giving receptions to schools with teachers and officers, with a good lively program, hardtack and coffee. Every Post and Corps should present at least one flag to some school each year which will be kept as a relic of patriotism from both orders, and be remembered when both shall have ceased to exist.

Post Patriotic Instructors are requested to answer the questions on the enclosed blank, sending in their reply not later than May 1st, so as to enable the Department Patriotic Instructor to embody the same in his report to the Department in June.

Comrades will you please do this so that our work may have a proper and prominent place in the Department Report.

Yours in F. C. and L.,
M. C. BARNEY,
Dept. Patriotic Instructor.

The questions to be answered are as follows:

Headquarters, Post No.

Department of Michigan, G. A. R.

., Mich.,, 1909.

M. C. Barney, Dept. Patriotic Instructor, Flint, Mich.:

Comrade: Agreeable to your request I have the honor to report as follows:

Did your Post and corps give a reception to one or more schools including the teachers and officers?

How many were present?

Did your Post and Corps present a flag to one or more schools in 1909?

How many?

How many schools with the help of Post and Corps have you visited?

How many were present including officers, superintendents and teachers?

How many visitors were present when you made your visit to the schools?

Was February 12, Lincoln's Centennial, observed?

How many in attendance?

Were other Patriotic Days observed?

How many present

Can you furnish a copy of the speech or program?

Remarks

Post Patriotic Instructor.

I have embodied the answers to those questions in the following report for 1908 and 1909.

No. of Post Patriotic Instructors reported 176. A gain over last year 116.

No. of schools visited by comrades, 256.

No. of pupils present when talks were given, 21,054.

No. of visitors present, 109.

Lincoln Centennial Addresses given, 101.

No. of schools displaying flags, 1,864.

No. of people reported attending Lincoln's Centennial, 15,810.

Receptions given by Posts and Corps to teachers and scholars, 13.

No. of people present Washington's Birthday, 3,885.

No. of flags presented to schools, 5.

No. of flags presented to churches, 3.

Cost of carrying on the work, \$863.45.

I have not been able to put in the work which I would like to have done. I have, however, given Sherman's March to the Sea as I saw it, 21 times in schools, and 4 times in Churches, and twice in opera houses, with a total attendance of about 6,000. Judging from the reports the National colors are displayed from almost every school house in the State. I wish to recommend to the Department for its consideration that the State be divided into districts and the Department Patriotic Instructor be given power to call the Post Patriotic Instructors of each district together for instruction that the work may be uniform throughout the State. In conclusion I wish to thank all Post Patriotic Instructors for their hearty co-operation in this grand work and to the

Department officers, especially Comrade Wyckoff, I tender my sincere appreciation for their hearty support and kind words during my term of office.

M. C. BARNEY,
Dept. Patriotic Instructor.

Comrade Dean: I move that the report be accepted and adopted without reference to a committee.

The motion was carried.

Comrade Pond: Commander, inasmuch as the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic is ill and unable to be with us, I think it is but proper that we should recognize that fact and I submit the following:

(Reads telegram.)

Kalamazoo, June 24, '09.

Department of Michigan in Annual Encampment Assembled.

It is with sincere regret that this encampment learn of the illness that prevents our Commander-in-Chief from being present with us, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Department of Michigan, G. A. R., sends greetings to Commander-in-Chief Nevius, and express their regrets at his inability to be present at this our Thirty-first Annual Encampment, and express our earnest hope for his speedy recovery from his affliction.

I move you, Commander, that the Adjutant General be instructed to send that telegram to the Commander-in-Chief.

The motion was carried.

Department Commander: We will now suspend the regular order of business for a short time as I understand there is a delegation from the Women's Relief Corps waiting to be admitted, and I will appoint as a committee to receive the ladies, Comrades Duffield, Lawrence, Raab and Campbell.

(The committee thus appointed retired and escorted the ladies to the platform where they were introduced to the Commander, while the convention stood and saluted, the ladies presented being Mrs. Redner, Past Department President, Mrs. Browne, Matron of Soldiers' Home, Mrs. A. T. Bliss, Mrs. Knapp and Mrs. Creusere.)

Department Commander: Comrades, I have the honor to present to you Mrs. Redner, Past Department President Woman's Relief Corps: (Applause.)

Mrs. Redner: Commander and Comrades: Yesterday I met one of your comrades and inquired as to the time that would be appropriate for which to make our call upon you and he said we might be admitted at any time, you would always stop business for us and receive us, "But" he says, "I want to tell you one thing—be short." I said to him that "We never asked that of you; we are always glad to have you come and say just as many things as you please and I assure you that the Woman's Relief Corps will always give time to the representatives of this encampment, and I am sure that the Grand Army of the Republic will always give time to the Woman's Relief Corps.

I suppose I am not telling you one bit of news, when I say that we women of the Woman's Relief Corps regard the appointment on this

committee of greetings to the Grand Army about as great an honor as our Department President has power to confer and we appreciate the honor. We had expected to meet the one who has done so much to make your encampment a success. We can only offer our sympathy for your sorrow. The part she asked me to represent for her, was to present her report of work done during the year. I am not expected to talk, the other members of this committee are the orators, but I have something I wish to say for myself to you comrades. It has been my pleasure to visit you once or twice and each time the thought has impressed itself of how grand it must seem to you boys of '61 to '65 that life has been spared and how great has been your privilege to live and see the results of that struggle; the maintaining of an undivided country. Its development, its inventions, its progress, through each and every line, with the same flag floating but with added stars and with far greater meaning to the races of mankind, and today the Woman's Relief Corps as well as other patriotic organizations are endeavoring to teach the youth of our land to hold our flag sacred above every other flag on earth and to love, uphold and extend the institutions of American liberty and patriotism and the principles that made and saved this country. President McKinley said, "With patriotism in our hearts and the flag of our country in the hands of our children—there is no danger of anarchy and there will be no danger to the union." Comrades, can you trust this nation with the patriotic boys and girls who in saluting the flag, give their heads and heart to God and our country. One Country, one language and one flag. While we as patriotic women pledge ourselves anew to aid the Grand Army of the Republic and to assist in preserving the memory of each comrade.

The past year has been one of success for our order, although we number less corps, yet our membership is increasing. The loss in number of corps is because of disbanding Posts.

Our President, May Stocking Knaggs, has given us an excellent administration and I am pleased to give you her report of work accomplished.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT W. R. C. TO THE G. A. R.

George L. Holmes, Commander Department of Michigan, G. A. R.:

Dear Sir: It is the pleasure of your auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, following the practice of former years, to present to the 31st Annual Encampment of the Grand Army some brief report of its present condition in membership, finances, and in work accomplished.

I therefore respectfully submit the following statement:

Number of Corps in Department	214
Number of members	8,572
Cash expended in relief by Corps	\$1,496 27
Estimated value of relief other than money	4,544 00
Total relief	\$6,040 27
Number of soldiers and families assisted	1,328
Cash expended from Department Relief Fund,	\$70 00
Cash in General Fund	1,015 00
Cash in Relief Fund	126 03
Cash in Special Funds	91 88
Total	\$1,232 91

With this summary we again renew our pledge to aid and assist the Grand Army of the Republic and all Union veterans, to perpetuate the memory of the heroic dead, and by every means in our power to extend needful aid to the dependent ones, and promote loyalty to the flag and all that it symbolizes.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
MAY STOCKING KNAGGS,
Department President.

(In concluding Mrs. Redner said):

We had expected to present this report to one who had done so much to make this encampment what it is and the pleasures we have enjoyed; and while he has passed from you at this time we come to you bringing our sympathy and our love and to say that to us the loss has been personal, which I know the same has been to you. (Applause.)

Department Commander: I have the honor, Comrades, of presenting Mrs. Browne, the Matron of Soldiers' Home. (Applause.)

Mrs. Browne: Commander and Comrades: Now I will try and be brief, but it will be just as impossible for me to look over this audience of men without making a little speech as it would to go without my dinner. I certainly could not do it.

I wish to say to you that it is a great pleasure for me to assist in

this greeting from our worthy president of the girls over in the other hall to you, the honored boys and co-workers with us in all that promotes the love of country. The Grand Army—and I have not time of course to speak of it at length—but I will speak of it to this extent—that the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Woman's Relief Corps of this Department have given many object lessons of love and devotion; they have given many object lessons that will live long after you have passed away. On yesterday, when we reflect upon the scene of yesterday! Will America ever present a more pathetic scene than these boys, with faltering steps but with a military air that cannot be imitated, carrying those wonderful battle flags and leading the line to that revered son of the great chieftan, the scene can never be equalled in America. Our eyes are moist when we think of the rapid passing away of the Grand Army of the Republic.

I think I have always loved my native state. I know I have. Michigan, My Michigan! But I believe in the few months that I have been matron of the women's building at the Soldiers' Home, I realize more than ever the wonderful generosity of the state of Michigan in not only providing a good living for those boys down there, but surrounding them with such wonderful beauty besides. Our grounds are literally a Garden of the Gods. If you don't believe it come down there and see them.

This is an age of societies. Societies are usually organized for the benefit of our fellow-man and subscribe to that duty with you, and though you had lived in the time of the chivalry of Spain and the Spanish cavalier with their swords of silver and ornaments of gold, they never could have awakened the thrilling patriotism as did those soldiers who carried those wonderful battle flags yesterday as they marched to the music of the fifes and drums.

I thank you for your attention, and if there are any commendations or any encomiums that have not already been showered upon you, this committee brings them now and lays them at your feet. (Applause.) Flowers will die, flags will fade, grass will wither in the sun, the soldiers in the grand parade will march and vanish one by one, but memory stays and lives and thrives to twine the laurels every year to crown the men who gave their lives when life was very dear.

I thank you for your attention. (Applause.)

Comrade Miller: Commander, a delegation from the W. R. C. wishes to be admitted to present a set of resolutions. They have no speeches to make.

Comrade Cunningham: Post 32: Commander, we have appointed a time to elect officers and it is now fifteen minutes past that time. For God's sake let's attend to business, for many of us have to go home.

(Cries of "Sit down.")

Department Commander: I will not appoint a committee to escort the ladies in but instruct Comrade Miller to bring them forward to the platform. (Applause.)

(The ladies were brought to the platform and formally introduced to the Department Commander.)

Department Commander: I have the honor to present to you, Comrades, Mrs. A. T. Bliss, wife of Past Commander and ex-Governor of the state of Michigan, A. T. Bliss. (Applause.)

Comrade Pond from the committee on resolutions presented the following:

Commander and Comrades: Your committee upon resolutions, desire to report as follows:

Resolved That to the citizens of Kalamazoo who have had in charge the preparation of the various details for the entertainment of this encampment we desire to tender the full expression of acknowledgement of an unsurpassed success. That the history of this encampment will show, that the great hospitality of the citizens, the most profuse display of decoration and cordial greeting to our comrades and their associates, has never been excelled at any of our Department Encampments, is our great pleasure to affirm.

In thus giving expression, we are mindful of the fact that the incentive and guiding spirit that has led up to the great pleasure made possible for us to enjoy upon this occasion was our beloved Department Commander, Comrade Chas. E. Foote, who because of a summons to meet his comrades gone before in their bivouac upon the eternal camping ground could not enjoy his greatest desire of seeing us face to face.

Your committee believes it to be altogether fitting, that because of the few days that intervened between the date of his death and the day he would have passed his authority in your presence, over to his elected successor, that a past Department Commander's badge of the usual cost be procured and presented to the widow of Comrade Charles E. Foote.

To the Commander of Orcott Post No. 79 and his comrades, and to the officer of the day and the guards on duty at this Encampment for their efforts in making our stay among them very pleasant we tender our thanks.

C. V. R. POND.
GEORGE P. COBB.

Comrade Pond: I move the adoption of the resolutions.
The resolutions were adopted.

Comrade Ives as chairman read the report of the committee on report of Senior Vice Department Commander:

Kalamazoo, June 24, 1909.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Senior Vice Commander beg leave to report that they have carefully gone over the same and are surprised at the versatility of Comrade Drake in making such a comprehensive report considering the material to work on.

We recommend the adoption of the report.

L. H. IVES,
G. T. CONVERSE,
Committee.

Comrade Ives: I move the adoption of the report.
The motion was carried.

Comrade Griswold: The tellers are now ready to report as to the result of the first informal ballot.

Department Commander: Comrade Griswold will announce the result of the ballot.

Comrade Griswold: There were 486 ballots cast, and one blank ballot

which we did not count, and one for Vice Department Commander which we did not count. There were 486 ballots cast for the two candidates. Of which Comrade Greenfield receives 251 and Comrade Lawrence 235. (Prolonged cheers and cries of "Greenfield.")

Comrade Lawrence: I move that the ballot be made formal and that the election of Comrade Greenfield be made unanimous.

The motion was carried.

Department Commander: I declare Comrade James M. Greenfield elected as Department Commander for the ensuing year. (Applause.)

Comrade Pealer: Commander, It is customary for the department to elect the senior vice commander selected by the comrades of the locality where the encampment is held. And I move you that the rules be suspended and that the name of the comrade selected by the Kalamazoo comrades be presented for senior vice commander.

Assistant Adjutant General: That is the usual custom and I move you that Orcutt Post No. 79 of Kalamazoo be permitted to present a candidate for the office of senior vice commander.

The motion was carried.

Comrade Hall, No. 79: The members of Orcutt Post unanimously recommended for the position of senior vice department commander the name of one who served in the 23rd Ohio regiment under General Rosecrans and Rutherford B. Hays and served for over three years in the company of which William McKinley was captain. He has been past commander of Orcutt Post and at the present time is chief of staff of the Department; I present the name of Comrade Henry P. Shutt.

Comrade Dean: I move that the rules be suspended and that the Adjutant General be directed to cast the ballot of this department for Comrade Shutt.

The motion was carried.

Comrade Wyckoff: Agreeable to instructions of the department, I cast the unanimous vote for H. P. Shutt, Post 79, for Senior Vice Department Commander.

Department Commander: I declare Comrade H. P. Shutt elected Senior Vice Commander for the ensuing year.

Comrade Richardson: I move that the Commander appoint a committee of two to conduct Commander-elect Greenfield to the rostrum.

The motion was carried.

Department Commander: I will appoint as such committee, Comrade Duffield of Detroit and Judge Pealer.

Comrade Jibb: Your committee appointed to visit the Ladies of the G. A. R. and carry greetings to them respectfully report that we have done our duty as directed and wish to be discharged.

The committee was duly discharged.

Comrade Schneider: On behalf of the committee appointed to consider the Chaplain's report beg to report that we have considered the same and submit our report:

Kalamazoo, June 24, 1909.

Department Commander and Comrades:

Your committee on Department Chaplain's report after listening with admiration to its reading, recommend that it be adopted with the compliments of this Department for its painstaking thoroughness and eloquence.

F. SCHNEIDER,
J. O. BROBASCO,
W. D. BRAINARD,
Committee.

Comrade Duffield: I have the honor, Commander, to present to you our newly elected Department Commander. (Applause.)

Commander-elect Greenfield: Commander and Comrades: This is quite a surprise to me to be standing here as your next commander.

I went into this fight reluctantly, but there were quite a number of my old comrades that I desired to honor as well as the state of Michigan, in seeking this high office. It is an office that I appreciate very highly and all comrades ought to appreciate it.

I have always been a Grand Army man since I came out of the war, but I never aspired to the high office of commander. But the comrades in the different parts of the state at Toledo last year wanted me to make an effort to get there and I have done so and it seems that I have arrived at the top. I want to thank you all, all those who voted for me and all those who voted against me. We went into this fight free, as all comrades could have gone into it, and I don't think there ought to be any hard feelings between any of us. We always have met in fraternity and loyalty and we will continue to do so.

Now, comrades, the time is very short between this and the National encampment to be held in Salt Lake City. I hope there will be a large delegation from Michigan at that encampment.

Again I thank you and will not detain you any longer, as there is other business to be done and there are lots of comrades who desire to get away. (Applause.)

Calls for "Lawrence."

Comrade Lawrence: Commander and comrades: I, like Comrade Greenfield was urged by my friends and comrades to go into this fight and I went in. I bow to the will and to the voice of the Grand Army of the Republic. (Applause.) There is no man in the Department of Michigan who will work to the bidding of our Commander harder than Sam Lawrence. (Applause.) I, like Comrade Greenfield, say it is an honor; it is a proud honor for any man to be Department Commander of this Department, one of the largest, one of the most loyal and patriotic of departments in the Union.

Comrades, the only wish that I have against you is this—that you will all live to appear at the next encampment with as good health as you have today. (Applause.)

Department Commander: The next order of business is nominations of a Junior Vice Commander of this Department.

Comrade McKinstry, Post 17: Commander and Comrades: I rise to place in nomination a gentleman, a friend of mine, an honored friend

whom I have known for a great many years and who is first-class all around. He is an old soldier, has been to the different department encampments and to the national encampment and who has worked first last and all the time for the benefit of the Grand Army.

I nominate Albert Dunham of Pomeroy, Post No. 48, Jackson.

Comrade Snyder, Post 57: I wish to place in nomination Comrade G. I. Nash. Comrade Nash was promoted from a private to a corporal and to a sergeant and from sergeant to lieutenant and then commanded the battery before coming home. He has been four times commander of our Post and always has been a good Grand Army man and would do anything for the Grand Army at any time.

Comrade Kemerting, Post 131: We desire to present to you a comrade who served for three years during the war in the 25th Michigan. He is an upright, straight and honorable man, and we present to you today for Junior Vice Commander of this Department, Comrade Charles Clement. We have never heretofore asked for any favors from the Department, but we ask you to grant us the office of Junior Vice Commander of this Department. We have been a faithful Post in this Department for over thirty years and we never asked anything before, and so we ask you to give us this office.

Comrade Jewell, Post 62: I wish to nominate Miles Mulford.

Comrade Schneider: I desire on behalf of Post No. 42 to endorse the nomination of Albert Dunham, and I wish to further say that as the last commander of the regiment in which he served the 2d Michigan Infantry, that Albert Dunham was the best of all the noble comrades of that regiment. I am glad to have been associated with him. I most heartily recommend him to your favorable consideration.

Comrade Barry, Post 13: I would like to second the nomination of Albert Dunham; he was a member of the old 2d Michigan, a regiment which has no superior.

Comrade Anthony: I desire to second the nomination of Comrade Dunham.

Comrade Cox, 384: From Detroit, and also from the Upper Peninsula, I take pleasure in endorsing Albert Dunham for the office of Junior Vice commander.

The nominations being closed,

Comrade Schneider: I move we proceed to a ballot.

The motion was carried.

Comrade Schneider: I also move that after the report of the tellers on the office of Junior Vice Commander, that we take a recess until 1:30 this afternoon.

The motion was carried.

The ballots having been counted the tellers reported as follows:

There were 222 votes cast of which Comrade Dunham received 207, Nash, 10, Clement 4 and Mulford 1.

Comrade Wyckoff: Commander, I move you that Comrade Albert Dunham of Post No. 48 be declared unanimously elected as Junior Vice Commander for the ensuing year.

The motion was carried.

Department Commander: In accordance with the motion heretofore adopted I now declare a recess until 1:30 this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Thursday, June 24, 1909.

1:30 p. m.

The encampment was duly called to order by the Department Commander.

Comrade Schneider—as chairman of the Special Committee on index, reported as follows:

Kalamazoo, June 22, 1909.

Encampment of Department of Michigan, G. A. R.

Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General: The special legislative committee on general index of Michigan Soldiers' Record of the Civil War, appointed pursuant to resolutions unanimously adopted by this Department at its encampment held at Detroit in June, 1908, herewith submits its report on its action on the subject as follows:

This special committee, which was appointed by General Order No. 6 of February 20, 1909, soon after met at the Capitol, and after an interview with Governor Warner, prepared a suitable bill, and secured its introduction in the House of Representatives by Representative Van Raalte—a past commander of this Department—who secured its immediate reference to the Ways and Means Committee, of which he was also a member. Soon after, your committee assembled at the Capitol and was granted a hearing before the Ways and Means Committee where we gave an exhaustive discussion of the subject, and were, on our departure, assured by the chairman that the bill would be favorably reported out in a day or two. In the meantime the agitation against all appropriations not absolutely necessary for current expenses, on account of the million dollar deficit, which this Legislature had to meet, had grown so strong, that the Ways and Means committee finally did cut out all such appropriation bills, and although Representative Van Raalte very energetically urged our bill, the Ways and Means Committee on a final full vote on our bill refused to report the bill out of committee by a vote of 5 to 4, which pigeon-holed the bill for this session of the Legislature, and thus barred all further progress of our bill during this session.

Owing to the financial distress of the state at the present time, all further effort to have the index published will necessarily have to be postponed until the next session of the Legislature. We recommend that another committee be appointed to take up the matter at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

A. MILNES,
F. SCHNEIDER,
S. J. LAWRENCE,

Committee.

I move the adoption of the report.
The motion was carried.

Kalamazoo, Mich., June 24, 1909.

Department of Michigan, G. A. R.:

Comrades: The Executive Committee beg leave to submit the following report:

First. That we have carefully examined the books and vouchers of the A. A. G. and Q. M. which pertain to the finances of the Department and find them correct to date.

Second. We think that Captain White, Quartermaster, should be complimented for the efficient and business-like manner in which he has handled the funds of the Department for the past year, he having placed the W. R. C. fund on interest which interest amounted to \$1.42 more than the disbursements of said fund, leaving the fund \$870.42 at date, and by placing \$500 of the general fund on interest which was increased by so doing \$13.75.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

M. D. RICHARDSON,
W. W. COOK,
D. C. SPEARS,

Executive Committee.

Comrade McBride, Post 262: Commander and Comrades: There was a delegation from our city with application to this Department to meet at the city of Holland. Those applications were left with the Adjutant General, and I ask that they be now referred to and the matter taken up.

Department Commander: Your request is out of the general order and it would require a motion to find out whether or no we can do that.

Comrade McBride: I move that it be taken up out of its order and that it be taken up now.

The motion was carried.

Comrade Wyckoff: In connection with this matter of locating the next encampment, I have two communications which I will read.

Holland, Mich., June 22, 1909.

To the Members of the Thirty-first Annual State Encampment of the G. A. R., Kalamazoo, Michigan:

Gentlemen: In behalf of the members of the Common Council of the City of Holland, we hereby extend to you a cordial invitation to hold your Thirty-second Annual Encampment in 1910 in our city.

We have always, as a community, highly honored and esteemed the veterans and earnestly desire to have the honor of entertaining the Annual Encampment the coming year.

Respectfully,
HY. BRUSS,

Mayor.

RICHARD OVERING,
City Clerk.

Also communication from Holland Merchants Association, read as follows:

Holland, Mich., June 22nd, 1909.

The Thirty-first Annual State Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, Kalamazoo, Michigan:

Greeting: The Holland Merchants' Association, at its regular session, held Monday evening, June twenty-first, unanimously decided to extend a cordial invitation to the Michigan State Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, now assembled at Kalamazoo, to hold its Thirty-second Annual State Encampment in Holland.

As a people we are united in our desire to pay homage to the preservers of our Union. Many of the brightest young men of Holland and vicinity left their home and fireside to join the ranks of the boys in blue—some never to return, some to come back and resume their duties as useful citizens.

Our city has ever observed Memorial Day in a fitting manner, making the sacred memory of the dead heroes of the battles of '61 to '65 the principal subject of consideration for that day.

Holland honors the old veterans and desires to entertain them within her borders, ere the ranks are thinned too severely by the ravages of time.

We therefore extend a hearty invitation to the Michigan Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to meet with us on the beautiful shores of Black Lake next year, 1910.

Respectfully submitted,
Holland Merchants' Association,
JOHN S. DYKSTRA, *President.*
HENRY VANDER PLOEY, *Secretary.*
FRED BEENUKES, *Treasurer.*
J. VANDER SLUIS, *President Ex. Committee.*

Comrade Wood, Post No. 262: On behalf of the Mayor and Common Council of Holland, I move you that the invitation to meet in Holland be accepted.

Comrade Van Raalte: Commander and Comrades: I live at Holland and am proud of Holland. There is no place on the globe that I think more of, because my father colonized Holland and I have been there from a boy up all the days of my life and I can truly say that I am proud of it. But when this question comes up of inviting you there I feel that there is a responsibility connected with it and I for one don't want to lead you to a place where you would not have the fullest accommodations. I realize what you want and what you should have. You are not young, and you cannot take up with anything that is provided for you. We could take care of the thing all right by taking you down to Ottawa Beach and Macatawa Park and Jennison Park but that is five miles away from Holland. If we do that, gentlemen, we will scatter you, one part in the city of Holland and another part with the

channel between you at Ottawa Beach and Macatawa Park. Now, I wish to say in this matter this: If I could feel that the boys would be properly taken care of I would say with my whole heart and soul, yes, have the comrades come; there is no man living that wants you worse than I do want you down there, but I want you to have a good time there, a time just as you would want it; and in order to have this question settled right, in order that it may be done intelligently, I say this gentlemen—and I want to offer a substitute to the motion that was made and my substitute is this—that this matter be left entirely to the council of administration to make this choice as to whether you will go there or not. We cannot act as intelligently on this as the council of administration would act on it, for they will look the ground over and if they see there is room in the city of Holland, there is no man living that will be more rejoiced than I to have you come there.

Comrade John Schram, Post 262: Commander, I have lived in Holland since 1847; I am an old settler there. I have been in the rebellion and I served my country faithfully with the rest of the boys and I have a feeling for the Grand Army of the Republic—always had. I feel that we are entitled to honor the boys at our place. We, as members of a foreign nation stepped right into the ranks just before the rebellion and we did our duty and when we ask for this thing we have got everything in our reach to take care of it. We have the city council to step right in, willing to take it out of our hands and will treat the boys of the Grand Army of the Republic as they ought to be treated and as they do at other places. We will guarantee and the city guarantees that they will have sufficient accommodation in the way of both lodging and food and in enjoyment. Almost every residence in the city of Holland is a resort residence; they don't build their houses only for their own families but they build their houses so they can harbor from seven to ten and twelve persons besides their own families. They are rigged for it and as we calculate to have the encampment just before the resort season opens up we will have an abundance of places to put them. We want them and the city wants them and we as citizens, living in the corporation of Holland want them. We will not have to go outside into the resort part.

Now, talking about being five miles off. There is an electric line running there and what is five miles? They give every inducement to ride on that road. It costs ten cents and you can go to the resort and have any refreshment you like. Now why should not our Post have the privilege of getting the boys there once? We have stood right up in the ranks, as members of a foreign nation to fight for our stars and stripes. We have the feeling of the Holland blood in our veins. Our forefathers fought for seventy years against the Spaniards and the same blood is in our veins to put down the rebellion and come right up and help the United States. I hope you will unite with us.

Comrade Van Raalte: Since the Comrade has gone into this a little deeper it only forces me to go a little deeper also. There is no man who would like to see Holland honored, more than I would, by your presence. But is is not a question with me as to honoring Holland when it comes in connection with the Grand Army of the Republic. The first consideration is, what is best for the Grand Army of the

Republic? That is what I want. The citizens of Holland are anxious to have you. To tell the truth, comrades, they don't know what they are asking. They don't know what they are getting into their hands to take care of. It is a very nice thing to ask, but after you get there then there is the question how are you to get along. He says he is going to put you in private homes and our citizens would receive you with the kindest of hearts. But remember this—you are not young. I know by my experience amongst you having been present at the various encampments, I know what it is necessary to provide. You would not like to get up at midnight in a private family to attend to your private needs. You don't like to do these things. You would like to have privileges where you feel that you are sovereign wherever you stop. Another thing is, during the day where are you going to go? They are not going to give you the accommodations; they cannot do it. Now, we have but one hotel there and at the very outside it will accommodate no more than sixty people and if they do that they would do wonderfully well. They have two restaurants ready to feed you and I think they may open some more. But let's compare it with this place. I don't know how many hotels and dining rooms you have here, but there are seventeen or eighteen restaurants, I understand, outside of hotels and I know that they have been filled every afternoon to overflowing. I stop up at the Portage hotel, and last night the proprietor told me they had every room in the house full and doubled in the halls and had the dining room and kitchen full. Now with the facilities that you have here I would like to know how we are to undertake it unless we rush you down to the park and put you there, and then bring you back in the morning and back again in the evening and that is not a desirable thing to do. I feel, comrades, that unless some other provision can be made you will simply come and elect your commander and do little else, on account of those accommodations. I for one would only be too pleased to have you there, but I want you to be where you can find the proper accommodations. That is the reason I made my motion, that it be left to the council of administration and let that body assume the responsibility. That council will take the responsibility finally anyhow and why not let them decide what it will do?

Comrade Clute, Post 166: Commander, I rise in support of Comrade Van Raalte's motion. With the hotel accommodations such as he speaks of there would be scarcely room for headquarters. I think the officers of this encampment should decide as to a suitable place for holding the encampment and I hope it will be left to the council to decide.

Comrade McBride: I am a resident of the city of Holland and I am proud of being a resident of that city. I know that the city of Holland *can* take care of this encampment. I do not believe it fair on the part of Comrade Van Raalte to take the position he does take at the present time. This application is made from the business men of the city of Holland. They know what they can do a devilish sight better than Mr. Van Raalte or any other man. We can take care of that meeting and we will take care of it just as well as we can. We are not going to give you the same accommodations probably that you get here; there is no other city in the state that has ever done that. They did not do it

at the encampment held in Detroit last year. It has not been done in any of the cities. Fourteen years ago I went to Greenville to a meeting of this kind, a town at that time of three thousand inhabitants. We have nearly twelve thousand. We have accommodations within five miles of our city for two thousand people, as many people as you can accommodate in this city, it will cost ten cents to go and come to that accommodation. Now, I say that it is but fair to say that the proposition made by the people of Holland is made in all honesty, in all integrity and good faith, and that those people know what they are doing.

I hope that you will decide to visit Holland. I have not been instrumental in forcing this matter. I know myself that we are short of accommodations in the way of hotels, but we have a good hotel that will accommodate the headquarters of this Department and we have other accommodations near enough so that it will satisfy every comrade that comes to that locality.

Comrade Ward: The Holland business men's association consists of over a hundred of the leading business men of the city of Holland, and at a meeting of that association, it was voted unanimously to invite this convention to Holland. I don't pretend to claim that you are going to be put in hotels, we haven't got hotels enough to accommodate everyone; but we have a lot of the most beautiful residences in the state of Michigan and everyone of those homes has got a good cook and a good bed and there will be accommodation, someone to meet the members of the Grand Army at the depots and escort them to their quarters, and I would not be afraid to forfeit every dollar that I have got in the world that every comrade of the department of Michigan will be just as well taken care of there as they have been in Kalamazoo and that is saying a good deal.

Comrade Fuller, Post 163: Our delegation has got to leave to take a train, and before going I hope that this matter will be put to a vote. I believe it would be well to leave it with the officers and I am perfectly willing to abide by their decision.

Comrade Van Raalte: There seems to be a misunderstanding, somewhere. Now, comrades, if the council of administration should vote not to go to Holland, even though you vote to do so, they would have the power to defeat that vote. All I ask is this—that the council of administration look up this matter and if they are satisfied, there is no man on earth that will be better satisfied than I am; but I don't like to have you vote on a thing you don't understand. You will come to the city of Holland if the council of administration says so, and if they say so, then you will not go there no matter how you vote on it, so I don't see any reason why you should not leave it with the council of administration.

Department Commander: The question is on the substitute offered by Comrade Van Raalte, and the substitute is that the matter be placed in the hands of the council of administration to settle as they see fit, and as they will do anyhow.

The substitute was carried.

Department Commander: That leaves the matter with the council of administration.

Comrade Bristol, Post 384: As chairman of the committee to whom

was referred the matter of the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General:

Kalamazoo, Michigan, June 23, 1909.

Geo. S. Holmes, Commander Department of Michigan, G. A. R.:

Dear Sir and Comrade: Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General respectfully report that they have examined the same and find it correct.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

JACOB BRISTOL,

WM. DAVEY,

A. A. UDELL,

Committee.

Comrade Bristol: I move that the report be adopted.

The motion was carried.

Comrade Griswold: When we took a recess this noon I believe we were on the order of the election of Officers.

Department Commander: Yes, the next officer to be elected is the Medical Director.

Comrade Doty, Post 253: I rise, Commander, to nominate the present medical director, who has served one year, and as it has been customary to have him serve two years I move, to expediate matters, to suspend the rules and that the adjutant general cast the vote of the encampment for Dr. John C. Solmon.

The motion was carried.

Assistant Adjutant General: Agreeable to instructions of the encampment I cast the vote of the encampment for Dr. Solmon for Medical director.

Department Commander: I declare Dr. John C. Solmon elected as Medical Director for the ensuing year.

The next in order is the election of a chaplain.

Comrade Sam. Lawrence, Post No. 318: I move that the rules be suspended, and that Comrade Putman, the present chaplain, be reelected by the Adjutant General casting the vote.

Comrade Griswold: I second the motion and ask for a rising vote.

The motion was carried and a rising vote was taken, which was unanimous.

Assistant Adjutant General: I am very happy to supplement the voice of the encampment by casting the unanimous vote of the encampment for Comrade William Putnam of Post 42 for chaplain for the ensuing year.

Department Commander: I declare Comrade William Putnam unanimously elected to the office of chaplain for the ensuing year.

The next in order is the election of five members of the council of administration.

Comrade Hiller, Post 166: I place Henry Clute of Post 166 in nomination.

Comrade Spaulding: I wish to present the name of Comrade Tomlinson of Plainwell, Post 269.

Comrade Barney: I wish to place in nomination Comrade Raab of No. 145.

Comrade Hall, Kalamazoo: I wish to nominate Comrade Richardson of Post 365, who is a member of the council at the present time.

Comrade Judd: I wish to nominate Comrade D. C. Spears.

Comrade Bellaire: I move that nominations be closed.

The motion was carried.

Comrade Griswold: I move that the rules be suspended and that the Adjutant be instructed to cast the vote of the encampment for the five comrades named.

The motion was carried.

Assistant Adjutant General: Agreeable to instructions I cast the unanimous vote of this encampment for:

H. A. Clute, Post 166; O. Tomlinson, Post 269; Geo. Raab, Post 145; M. D. Richardson, Post 365; D. C. Spears, Post 10, for members of Council of Administration.

Department Commander: I declare the comrades named as elected Council of Administration for the ensuing year.

The next order of business will be the election of one delegate at large for the state to the Forty-third National Encampment.

Comrade Lawrence: We have down in the eastern part of the state a Post which is the strongest Post in our Department. I feel it my duty, as a comrade, to present the name of William Davey of Post 17, Fairbanks Post. That Post is known to all of you, and I would ask that Comrade Davey be sent as the delegate at large. He is a good fellow, royal, honest and upright and a Grand Army boy clear through.

Commander-elect Greenfield: I support that nomination.

Comrade Tomlinson, Post 269: I have the pleasure of putting in nomination a comrade with whom the members of this encampment are well acquainted for he has been in active service in the department and many of you have had relations with him as members of committees of this organization. I have the pleasure of presenting the name of Henry Spaulding, Post 20.

Comrade Spaulding: I wish to decline the nomination. If I am elected hereafter as one of the delegates it will be satisfactory to me; but as delegate at large I would rather not have my name considered.

Department Commander: The comrade has the right to withdraw his name if he wants to.

Comrade Spaulding withdraws his name.

Comrade Pealer: There being no other candidate, for Delegate at Large, I move that the rules be suspended, and the Adjutant General cast the vote of the encampment for Comrade Wm. Davey.

The motion was carried.

Assistant Adjutant General: Agreeable to instructions I so cast the unanimous vote of the encampment for Comrade Wm. Davey for Delegate at Large.

Department Commander: I declare Comrade Davey elected as Delegate at large to the Forty-third National encampment to be held at Salt Lake City.

The next business is the election of alternate delegate at large.

Commander-Elect Greenfield: I move that Comrade McElroy of Post 144 be elected as alternate delegate at large.

Department Commander: If there are no other nominations, you have heard the motion.

Comrade Pealer: I move that the rules be suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of the encampment for Comrade McElroy for alternate at large.

The motion was carried.

Assistant Adjutant General: Agreeable to instructions I cast the vote of the encampment for Frank McElroy of Post 144 as alternate delegate at large to the Forty-third national encampment.

Department Commander: I declare Comrade McElroy delegate at large.

Assistant Adjutant General: I have here the lists from the different districts which were handed in, and they contain the names of the delegates decided upon from the twelve congressional districts. The delegates whose names have been handed in are:

John L. Wild, Post 17, Detroit, 117 Avery Ave.; James, Knowles, Post 10, Azalia; J. J. Holmes, Post 111, Eaton Rapids; G. A. B. Cook, Post 72, Three Rivers; Robert Finch, Post 5, Grand Rapids, 917 Mich. Trust Building; M. C. Barney, Post 145, Flint; Alfred J. West, Post 98, Port Huron; E. Howard, Post 214, Millington, R. F. D. No. 3; R. C. Norris, Post 461, Cadillac; J. G. Berry, Post 263, Vanderbilt; Flexton Ludington, Post 141, Howard City, R. F. D. No. 3; Ira Carley, Post 300, Engles.

Comrade McElroy: I move that the rules be suspended and that those delegates named from the districts be elected by the vote of the Adjutant General.

The motion was carried.

Assistant Adjutant General: I cast the vote of the encampment for the twelve names just read as delegates to the Forty-third national encampment.

Department Commander: I declare the delegates so named as elected.

Assistant Adjutant General: Now there are eight more delegates to be elected and there are twelve alternates on these slips. Last year you elected the alternates before you did the delegates on these slips. I think it is best that you elect your delegates before you elect your alternates. I move you that we proceed to elect eight more delegates.

Comrade Pealer: I support the motion.

The motion was carried.

The following eight delegates were placed in nomination:

W. D. Frost, Post 5, Grand Rapids; Henry Spaulding, Post 20, Hartford; A. L. Bryant, Post 255, Mayville; Daniel L. Mevis, Post 42, Lansing; Hope Welch, Post 45, Adrian; H. A. Chapin, Post 32, Paw Paw; W. H. Beasley, Post 101, Ithaca and Griffin Lewis, Post 67, Bay City.

Comrade Davey: I move that these eight comrades be declared elected and that the rules be suspended and the adjutant general cast the ballot.

The motion was carried.

Comrade Griswold: I want to say to you, if there is any other comrade who desires to go and who objects to that motion I want him to say so, because it is not fair to cut out any comrade here.

There being no response or objection,

Assistant Adjutant General: I cast the vote of the encampment for the eight comrades named as delegates to the Forty-third national encampment to be held in Salt Lake City.

Department Commander: I declare those eight delegates duly elected.

Assistant Adjutant General: I will now read the list of alternates as contained on the slips handed in from the districts:

George H. Maxwell, Post 17, Detroit; Matt Burt, Post 110, Hudson; Henry Gilbert, Post 110, Albion; M. E. Dunn, Post 36, Ganges; William Baumgartle, Post 262, Holland; Frank W. Thayer, Post 197, Diamondale; David R. Lang, Post 144, Lapeer; Riley Jones, Post 38, Saginaw; G. W. Wheeler, Post 461, Boone; William Barrett, Post 378, West Bay City; James Donaldson, Post 101, Ithaca; P. C. Beanston, Post 300, Marquette.

Comrade Griswold: I move that the rules be suspended and that the Assistant Adjutant be instructed to cast the vote for the names read as alternates to the Forty-third National Encampment.

The motion was carried.

Assistant Adjutant General: The vote of the encampment is cast for the names of the twelve alternates appearing on the list.

Department Commander: I declare those twelve men elected as alternates to attend the national encampment at Salt Lake City.

The next thing in order is the election of eight more alternates.

The following eight alternates were nominated:

James Armstrong, Post 89, Flushing; R. M. Ballinger, Post 32, Battle Creek; D. C. Spears, Post 10, Dundee; William A. Baker, Post 30, Coleman; O. F. Kaywood, Post 48, Jackson; William Wells, Post 286, Fife Lake; M. Walter, Post 101, Ithaca; H. H. Collins, Post 120, Howell.

Comrade Miller: I move a suspension of the rules and that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to cast the vote of the encampment for the names mentioned.

The motion was carried.

Assistant Adjutant General: I cast the vote of the encampment for the eight alternates just named.

Department Commander: I declare those eight men duly elected as alternates.

Are there any reports that have not been handed in?

Assistant Adjutant General: I have a motion I would like to make, if it is in order. We are through with the election of officers and if now in order I make a motion covering these two points that I have in mind.

The local committee here in Kalamazoo appropriated \$150 for the expenses of our veteran drum corps. There have been fifty or more of them present. Their transportation bill has been presented to Comrade Johnson and that bill amounts to \$167 and some cents. The appropriation by the committee here is \$150. My proposition and motion will be that the department encampment or the assistant quartermaster general be authorized to pay the amount of excess over the \$150 for the expenses of the drummers visiting this encampment, which amounts to \$17 and some cents.

Comrade Richardson: I support that motion.

Comrade McElroy: I support the motion with the understanding that it is not more than \$18.

Comrade Miller, Post 79, Kalamazoo: I am not speaking with authority, Commander and Comrades, but I think I am safe in saying what I

am going to say. I think it was the intention of our late Department Commander Foote that if there was any deficiency in that matter that the local committee would take care of it, and it being only \$17 and something, if you will let the matter rest we will guarantee to pay it.

Department Commander: That is a pretty easy way to dispose of the matter. Another credit mark to Kalamazoo.

Comrade Janes: Commander and Comrades: I am going to make a report for the legislative committee, and my report will be very brief. It is in substance this, that during the past year there has been nothing before the legislature upon which to take action. There was one matter that your late Commander Foote conferred with me about that this encampment did not refer to the legislative committee and that was in reference to the amount that is appropriated by the various counties through the persons that are appointed by the various wards and townships for the burial of indigent soldiers and widows being insufficient to give the soldier or his widow a decent burial. The law as it stands is forty dollars. But invariably in all cases the undertaker has charged forty dollars. And if the family had any friends who desired to go to the cemetery or the last resting place of the deceased, the carriage hire had to be paid for by the family or the friends. The state of Ohio appropriates \$55 for such purpose. And so at the suggestion of Commander Foote I drafted an amendment to the bill or the law as it now stands increasing it to \$55. That bill was presented to the legislature but we were unable to get it any further than the committee; and so it died and did not become a law. That is as far as any legislative action was taken by your committee during the last year. We feel that that amendment should be passed and in the future that \$55 should be appropriated rather than \$40 for this purpose. (Applause.)

Comrade Lawrence: Just one word along that line. The legislature of this state, in their committees, and Comrade Van Raalte will bear me out in that, because we appeared before that committee with reference to certain measures pertaining to the Grand Army,—receive communications from various sections that “the boys in their section don’t want it.” And it makes it very hard sledding. What I wanted to suggest to you is this—when there is a proposition coming up before the legislature in the interests of the Grand Army boys or their widows, that your Posts all over and every Grand Army man, every old soldier in the district, send a petition to the member from that district, and then the member cannot say “the boys don’t want it.”

Comrade Van Raalte: I wish to say this, Comrades: Comrade Lawrence has just struck the spot, that we lose things in the legislature which would be a benefit to you and your wives and widows to a great extent through the fault of the boys themselves. I have had it happen many times that members would say to me “Why Van Raalte, what’s the matter with you, the boys don’t want it.” I would say, “The boys *do* want it.” “Why they have been to me and they don’t want it, and don’t you vote for it.” Now, if there is any legislative matter coming up before this convention and if you really want it, then if it is for the best interests of you all, instruct your representative to vote for it, so that he will not afterwards say “The boys don’t want it.” Let him see that you are united for it and you are going to get it.

Now there is another thing I want to say while I am on my feet. A few years ago there was a bill introduced for the printing of a book and record of the boys of the state of Michigan, which contains ninety-three thousands names—names of each regiment arranged alphabetically so if you want your regiment you can easily find your name or the name of whoever you want to find. There are forty-six volumes, one for each organization in the state, containing 93,000 names. You have all drawn your books, but there is still a stack of books piled up there in the capitol yet. It was intended to take those 46 volumes and send them to city libraries and your township libraries and every library in the state so if anybody wanted to find his father or brother's name he could find them there. But to send these books out, these forty-six volumes, with 93,000 names, is an absurdity, without an index. You can look a whole week and you could not find the name of your father or brother without an index. Now, that bill was up this winter providing for an index and it was invariably said to the committee "The boys don't want it." It was frequently said they didn't want an index. I said to the boys "You don't understand this, it is not for you, it is for your comrades, it is for the city library and for the township library or anyone who wants to find the name of his father or his brother, he can go to the library and take up the index and find it, which you cannot do without an index." Now I wish to say further in regard to this matter when this original appropriation was made, boys, there was money enough in the treasury to pay for this entire expense of this indexing and all, but that Colonel Turner, the then Assistant Adjutant General never finished the index; he was nominated as commander of the Soldiers' Home and went out and a new Assistant Adjutant General came in and on his own authority turned over \$2,700 of that money into the state treasury and the work was never done so far as indexing was concerned. The only excuse offered now is there were so many defects in it. I wish to say this to you, comrades, no matter how many defects, no matter if certain comrades' names were left out, that does not do away with the index. This thing is to be a monument to you in the future, and you want that index. When the next legislature meets you pass a resolution commending this and then we will not be met with the proposition that "the boys don't want it." If you don't want this index, say so right here and refuse to pass a resolution. If you want the index, and I know you want it, just say to the committee or see to it when your representative is nominated for the legislature that he is properly instructed and understands that the boys in blue want that index. That is all I have to say about it.

Comrade Jones: It is true that the legislative committee has heretofore expressed itself on the subject of this index. And now in regard to the other matter, if it is the belief of this department that the amount appropriated heretofore, \$40, for the burial of indigent soldiers is insufficient to give an old soldier a decent burial, then this encampment should express itself on that question. And in order to test the sentiment, I would move that the legislative committee be instructed to approve of an amendment to the law increasing the amount of the burial fund from \$40 to \$55 for each indigent soldier or widow.

Assistant Adjutant General: That law was amended at the last legislature and that amendment passed.

Comrade Janes: I was informed by a member of the committee or the member who introduced it, that it was not passed, as he thought.

Comrade Van Raalte: I would say the best of my recollection is it was passed. I am very sure that it passed the House, but I am uncertain as to the Senate.

Assistant Adjutant General: I saw the Governor's signature to the bill and procured a copy of it. (Applause.)

Comrade Janes: Then I will withdraw the motion. I made that motion upon information that it was not passed. But now upon information from the Assistant Adjutant General, that he saw the bill and secured a copy of it, after it had been signed by the Governor, I am satisfied it is the same bill that I drafted and presented, because I included in that a burial fund for the thirteen army nurses that reside in the state of Michigan, thinking that they ought to be treated in the same way, and being now informed that the bill has been passed and will become a law, I therefore withdraw my motion.

Department Commander: What is the further pleasure of the encampment?

Assistant Adjutant General: If there is nothing further we should proceed with the installation of officers.

Department Commander: We will now proceed with the installation of officers who have been elected for the ensuing year.

The installation ceremonies were conducted by Past Department Commander Comrade C. V. R. Pond.

Commander Greenfield named Fayette Wyckoff for his Assistant Adjutant General and Comrade William B. Bostock of Post 5, Grand Rapids as Assistant Quartermaster General.

The officers-elect and appointed were then duly installed and took their stations. The flags, charter and property of the Department being duly turned over to Commander Greenfield by Past Department Commander George L. Holmes.

Past Commander Holmes: Commander and Comrades: I do not feel like going away without thanking each and everyone of you for the courtesy with which you have treated me in every respect; just as much so as far as I can see as though I had been commander for years.

I thank you one and all.

Department Commander Greenfield announced a meeting of the Council of Administration immediately after adjournment at room 252 Burdick House.

If there is no other business to transact I will ask the Chaplain to pronounce the benediction.

Department Chaplain: Almighty and ever blessed God, our Father in Heaven, we thank Thee that Thou has been with us through this convention. That no evil has befallen us, that no accident has occurred, that no fatality has visited us. We ask Thy presence with these comrades as we part today. May Thy care be over them, especially over our Commander and all the officers of the association.

Now may Thy blessing go with these comrades and be with them throughout the coming year. Keep us and spare us that we may meet together again; gladly and gratefully to Thee we offer all our praise and thanksgiving and honor.

And now may the blessing of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you all, Amen!

Department Commander: I now declare the Thirty-first Encampment of the Department of Michigan closed.

MEETING COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Hotel Normandie, Detroit, Mich., June 18, 1908.

Pursuant to call by Department Commander C. E. Foote, the Council of Administration met in Parlor "B" at 2:30 p. m.

Present: C. E. Foote, Department Commander; Geo. L. Holmes, Senior Vice Dept. Commander; J. J. Drake, Junior Vice Dept. Commander; John C. Solmon, Medical Director; Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General; James E. White, Assistant Quartermaster General. M. D. Richardson, W. W. Cook, D. C. Spears, Geo. Raab, H. A. Clute, Council of Administration.

The Department Commander, appointed Comrades, M. D. Richardson, W. W. Cook, and D. C. Spears as executive Committee of Council of Administration.

He also appointed Henry P. Shutt of Post No. 79, Kalamazoo, Chief of Staff.

Department Patriotic Instructor, Fred J. Buck, presented his bill for printing and postage amounting to \$8.41.

On motion bill was allowed and ordered paid.

The matter of music for the encampment at Toledo was discussed.

On motion, the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to write to President Johnson of the Drum Corps, and ascertain how many members could be obtained for \$100.00.

Motion prevailed.

Moved that Department Commander and the Assistant Quartermaster General be authorized to select route to Toledo.

Motion was carried.

On motion, the Assistant Adjutant General was authorized to procure 4,000 ribbon badges. Yellow with Michigan printed on the same.

Motion prevailed.

It was moved that the bonds of the Assistant Quartermaster General be fixed at \$5,000.00.

Motion carried.

On motion, the bonds of the Assistant Adjutant General were fixed at \$1,000.00.

The question of Inspection of Posts was brought up and discussed. It was moved that the inspection of the Posts of this Department be dispensed with, but that such Posts as desire to hold Inspection, may do so on approval of the Department Commander.

The motion was carried.

It was moved that the Department Commander be authorized to use \$50.00 recruiting and organizing Outposts.

Carried.

The Assistant Adjutant General asked for and was granted ten days leave of absence.

There being no further business, on motion the Council of Administration adjourned, subject to call of the Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Asst. Adjut. General.

Approved,
C. E. FOOTE,
Department Commander.

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Boody House, Toledo, Ohio, Sept. 4, 1908.

A special meeting of the Council of Administration was called to meet at Toledo in Headquarters Department at the Boody House.

Meeting was called to order by the Department Commander.

Present:

C. E. FOOTE, Department Commander.

Geo. L. Holmes, Senior Vice Department Commander.

J. J. Drake, Junior Vice Department Commander.

M. D. Richardson, }
D. C. Spears, } Council of Administration.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.

James E. White, Assistant Quartermaster General.

By request of Commander Foote, Assistant Quartermaster General White stated the object of the call of the meeting. The object being to provide for the payment of railroad fare of the Department Commander in responding to invitations to visit the county reunions, and Posts when necessary.

Commander Foot also explained the necessity of visiting the reunions, etc., when necessary.

Junior Vice Commander Drake also made some remarks on the same subject.

Senior Vice Commander Holmes also made some remarks relative to the necessity of visiting Posts, etc.

Commander Holmes moved that the expenses for transportation of the Department Commander be paid when visiting reunions or Campfires.

Motion was carried.

Yeas—Comrades Holmes, Drake, White and Wyckoff.

Nays—Richardson and Spears.

The bill for the expenses of the Veteran Drum Corps in attendance at the Encampment amounting to \$156.73 be paid.

Motion was made that the same be paid.

Carried.

On motion the Council Adjourned.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Asst. Adjut. General, G. A. R.

Approved,
C. E. FOOTE,
Department Commander.

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
Lansing, Michigan, February 10, 1909.

Pursuant to call of the Department Commander. The Executive Committee, Council of Administration, met at Department Headquarters.

Present:

Chas. E. Foote, Department Commander.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.

M. D. Richardson,

W. W. Cook,

C. D. Spears,

} Members of Executive Committee.

Minutes of two last meetings read and approved.

The committee examined the books, and vouchers of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Q. M. General and found the same correct.

The dates for the Thirty-first Department Encampment to be held at Kalamazoo, was fixed for June 22, 23, 24.

Comrade Cook moved that the expenses of transporting the old Battle Flags, and a custodian to care for same, be paid if necessary, by the Department. This is understood to mean railroad fare and Hotel accommodations.

Carried.

Comrade Richardson moved that the Department Commander be instructed to take the Department Banner to Kalamazoo and have the same repaired, if practical, if not, then a new Banner to be bought at the discretion of the Department Commander.

Comrade Spears moved that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to procure two Flags for the Headquarters room in the Capitol.

Carried.

The Asst. Adjutant General, presented proposals from Cullen Hotel, Salt Lake City with plan of rooms for Michigan Headquarters for National Encampment.

It was moved and carried that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to secure the rooms in accord with the terms given.

There being a number of damaged Rank Bars on hand, Comrade Richardson moved that the damaged Rank Bars be turned over to Comrade Spears for repairs.

Carried.

Quite a number of old Rituals and service books, etc., having accumulated from disbanded Posts, the Assistant Adjutant General was authorized to destroy such as would not be of any further service.

Bill of M. C. Barney, Patriotic Instructor, for \$5.90 was presented.

On motion of Comrade Cook, bill was allowed and ordered paid.

Moved by Comrade Cook that the bills of Comrade Barney and Wyckoff for visit to Romeo be transferred from the general fund to the W. R. C. fund.

Carried.

Moved and carried that the expenses of the members of the Executive Committee in attendance on this meeting be paid.

On motion, committee adjourned to meet again at call of the Commander.

Approved
C. E. FOOTE,
Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Asst. Adjt. General.

MEETING OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Kalamazoo, Mich., June 22, 1909.

Meeting called to order by Department Commander, Geo. L. Holmes:
Present:

Geo. L. Holmes, Department Commander.
Jay J. Drake, Senior Vice Department Commander.
Wm. Putnam, Department Chaplain.
M. C. Barney, Department Patriotic Instructor.
Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.
James E. White, Assistant Quartermaster General.
M. D. Richardson,
W. W. Cook,
D. C. Spears,
Geo. Raab, } Members Council of Administration.

Comrade W. W. Cook for the Executive Committee reported that they had examined the books and vouchers of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General and that they find them correct.

The total receipts for the year being	\$6,674 70
Total expenditures	2,852 83
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Balance in hands of Assistant Quartermaster General	
White	\$3,821 87

This amount being fully accounted for by certificates of deposits and balances shown by bank books.

The report of the Executive Committee was accepted and approved.

There being a vacancy in the office of Junior Vice Department Commander, by the succession of Jay J. Drake to Senior Vice Commander.

Comrade Richardson presented the name of Comrade Geo. W. Wheeler, of Post 461, for Junior Vice Department Commander, to fill vacancy. There being no other candidates, it was moved and carried that the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote for Geo. W. Wheeler for Junior Vice Department Commander to fill vacancy.

In compliance with instructions the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote as directed, and Geo. W. Wheeler, Post 461, was declared elected Junior Vice Department Commander to fill vacancy.

Moved that the railroad fare of members of Executive Committee and the members of the Credentials Committee be paid.

Motion prevailed.

Comrade Cook made some remarks explanatory and commendatory of the action of Assistant Quartermaster General James E. White in caring for the funds of the Department, especially that of the Special Silver offering from the W. R. C., which showed a gain of \$1.42 over expenditures from the fund.

Comrade Drake also supplemented the remarks of Comrade Cook in commendation of the action of Assistant Quartermaster General White and moved that the Executive Committee in making their report to the encampment, make mention of Comrade White's efficiency.

Which motion carried.

There being no further business, Comrade Richardson moved that the Council of Administration adjourn Sine die.

Carried.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Asst. Adjt. General.

Approved

GEO. L. HOLMES,

Department Commander.

EXHIBIT "A."

Department Property on Hand:	
One U. S. Silk Flag (Standard) mounted	\$20 00
One Union Jack bunting, mounted	10 00
One Department Banner, silk (new)	35 00
One Smith Premier typewriter, No. 2, old	30 00
One Letter Scale	1 50
One Department seal	2 00
One Numbering machine	8 00
One Letter Press	1 50
One Copying pad (badly rusted)	1 00
One Registration rack	2 50
Two Frames for photographs	14 00
Two Bunting flags (New) 5 x 8	5 69
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EXHIBIT "B."

INVENTORY OF SUPPLIES ON HAND, JUNE 19, 1909, AS REPORTED TO THIRTY-FIRST DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT.

Articles.	Amount.
8 Sets Rituals at 50 cents	\$4 00
4 Service Books at 15 cents	60
208 Rules and Regulations at 3 cents	6 24
325 Application Blanks at 40 cents per	1 80
25 Leave of Absence	38
216 Transfers at \$2.25 per hundred	4 84
57 Discharges at \$2.25 per hundred	1 20
2 Charters at 50 cents	1 00
2 Post Descriptive Books at 50 cents	1 00
18 Badges at 35 cents	6 30
65 Rank Bars (one-half of these are damaged) at 21 cents	13 65
325 Badge Ribbons at 3 cents	9 75
37 Buttons at 6 cents	2 22
172 Odes	1 36
3 Beaths Blue Book	2 25
14 Q. M. Receipts for Dues at 25 cents	3 50
6 Orders on Quartermaster at 25 cents	1 50
78 Adjutants Record Books at 15 cents	11 70
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GENERAL ORDERS.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, June 22, 1908.

General Orders, No. 1, Series 1908-09.

1. Having been elected and installed into the office of Commander of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, at its Thirtieth Annual Encampment held in Light Infantry Armory, Detroit, Michigan, June 17th, 18th, 1908, I hereby assume command.

Taking this opportunity to thank the comrades at large for the honor bestowed by their representatives. Fully appreciating the honors and responsibilities conferred upon me I desire the hearty co-operation of every comrade in the Department, especially in recruiting the ranks of every Post, and in the work in connection with the Public Schools.

2. The following comrades were elected and installed as my associate officers for the year:

Senior Vice Department Commander, Geo. L. Holmes, Post 17, Detroit.

Junior Vice Department Commander, Jay J. Drake, Post 21, St. Joseph.
Medical Director—John C. Solmon, M. D., Post 252, Howard City.
Department Chaplain, Rev. William Putnam, Post 42, Lansing.

The following appointments are announced:

Assistant Adjutant General, Fayette Wyckoff, Post 38, residence, Lansing, Mich.

Assistant Quartermaster General, James E. White, Post 79, Kalamazoo.

Other appointments will be announced in future orders.

Communications requiring the personal attention of the Department Commander should be sent to him at Kalamazoo, Mich. All other communications should be sent to the Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R., Lansing.

At this early date the attention of Post Commanders and Adjutants is called to the necessity of forwarding to Department Headquarters the reports for the first term ending June 30, before the 5th of July. The necessity for this is the early meeting of the National Encampment at Toledo. Our consolidate report must be sent in to National Department, July 20th. Please take particular notice of this request.

Post Chaplains who have not done so will forward their Memorial Day reports to Wm. Putnam, Department Chaplain, Lansing, Mich., at once.

It is desired that the Department of Michigan be represented in line at Toledo by as many Post organizations as possible. Commence planning early to attend the National Encampment, Aug. 31-Sept. 5.

By Command of

OFFICIAL:
FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R.

C. E. FOOTE,
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, July 25, 1908.

General Orders, No. 2, Series 1908-09.

1. At the 30th Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, G. A. R., held at Detroit, June 17-18, 1908. The following officers were elected and installed:

Department Commander, C. E. Foote, Post 79, Kalamazoo.

Senior Vice Commander, Geo. L. Holmes, Post 17, Detroit.

Junior Vice Commander, Jay J. Drake, Post 21, St. Joseph.
Medical Director, John C. Solmon, Post 252, Howard City.
Department Chaplain, Wm. Putnam, Post 42, Lansing.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

M. D. Richardson, Post 365, Lake City.
W. W. Cook, Post 42, Lansing.
D. C. Spears, Post 10, Dundee.
Geo. Raab, Post 145, Flint.
H. A. Clute, Post 166, Marshall.

2. The following appointments are announced. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Assistant Adjutant General, Fayette Wyckoff, Post 38, Lansing.
Assistant Quartermaster General, James E. White, Post 79, Kalamazoo.
Judge Advocate, R. R. Pealer, Post 72, Three Rivers.
Department Inspector, Jos. O. Bellaire, Post 5, Grand Rapids.
Patriotic Instructor, M. C. Barney, Post 145, Flint.
Chief Mustering Officer, J. M. Greenfield, Post 89, Flushing.
Chief of Staff, Henry P. Shutt, Post 79, Kalamazoo.
Senior Aide, Aaron Miller, Post 79, Kalamazoo.

3. The following delegates and alternates were elected to represent this Department at the Forty-Second National Encampment:

Delegates-at-large, Samuel W. Burroughs, Post 384.
Alternate-at-large, Edgar G. Spaulding, Post 98.

DELEGATES.

O. D. Kingsley, Post 17.
Hope Welch, Post 45.
I. W. Taylor, Post 32.
James Martin, Post 35.
W. D. Frost, Post 5.
David S. Howard, Post 147.
Henry S. White, Post 202.
G. T. Converse, Post 38.
R. C. Norris, Post 461.
Geo. W. Butterfield, Post 419.
M. D. Richardson, Post 365.
Court Moore, Post 300.
Lyman P. Judson, Post 372.
Robert Finch, Post 5.
W. H. Beasley, Post No. 101.
William M. Horton, Post 114.
William H. Bolter, Post 42.
A. L. Bryant, Post 255.
T. A. Willitts, Post 145.
James M. Greenfield, Post 89.

ALTERNATES.

James Reid, Post 17.
A. T. Hicock, Post 10.
E. E. Lewis, Post 109.
Albert S. Roe, Post 21.

P. H. McBride, Post 262.
Oscar Johnson, Post 145.
Geo. W. Howe, Post 98.
Victor B. Rottiers, Post 190.
Alexander Eckerman, Post 7.
Griff Lewis, Post 67.
F. Ludington, Post 164.
Archibald Scott, Post 174.
Eli Strong, Post 79.
Dan J. Willson, Post 48.
James Miller, Post 433.
Henry Spaulding, Post 20.
D. C. Cooper, Post 205.
J. G. Berry, Post 263.
William Thompson, Post 98.
J. Knowles, Post 10.

If any mistake has been made in the spelling of any of the names given, or in the number of the Post, correction should be sent to the Assistant Adjutant General at once.

4. The following standing and special committees are announced:

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

O. A. Janes, Post 384.
H. S. Dean, Post 137.
William Jibb, Post 45.

COMMITTEE TO VISIT SOLDIERS' HOME.

John Northwood, Post 438.
Albert Dunham, Post 48.
E. C. Anthony, Post 300.

A special committee on publishing soldiers' record will be announced later.

COMMITTEE ON REGISTRATION AT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, IN TOLEDO.

Dan. J. Willson, Post 48.
Henry Spaulding, Post 20.
H. A. Chapin, Post 31.

5. The following appointments of Aides to represent their respective Posts on the Staff of the Department Commander is hereby announced. It is expected that the comrades receiving these several appointments will not rest on the honors of their positions, but will enter with untiring zeal in assisting the Department Officers in building up the Order, thus showing their appreciation of the confidence placed in them:

AIDES-DE-CAMP.

Paul Dubie, Post 1.
W. R. Whitney, Post 2.
G. A. Whitbeck, Post 3.
R. D. Lane, Post 4.
Hiram Welling, Post 5.
F. K. Proctor, Post 6.
W. H. Weseloge, Post 7.
Francis V. Sauer, Post 8.
William Gilbert, Post 9.
R. B. Davis, Post 10.
G. Pearsall, Post 11.
E. E. Burnham, Post 12.
Fred F. Main, Post 13.
M. J. Vincent, Post 14.
H. C. Ransom, Post 15.
William Davey, Post 17.
John Moody, Post 17.
D. S. Kimball, Post 17.
L. M. Lyon, Post 18.
D. W. Hall, Post 19.
Robert F. Stratton, Post 21
John Shook, Post 22.
John Dicker, Post 23.
L. V. Curry, Post 24.
J. M. Robb, Post 25.
W. A. Rounds, Post 26.
W. H. White, Post 27.
Jedd Bennett, Post 28.
E. F. Covell, Post 29.
W. A. Baker, Post 30.
B. F. Heckert, Post 31.
Edward Cunningham, Post 32.
John D. Hanna, Post 33.
Oliver Wise, Post 34.
W. S. Bradley, Post 35.
D. K. Halsey, 38.
Roscoe Dix, Post 39.
William M. Beckman, Post 40.
E. L. Negus, Post 41.
Anson P. Loomis, Post 42.
H. H. Wilber, Post 43.
Asa Aldrich, Post 45.
George W. Rogers, Post 45.
J. R. Edwards, Post 47.
S. B. Davis, Post 48.
O. F. Kaywood, Post 48.
Albert W. Martin, Post 48.
Edward Nickerson, Post 52.
C. C. Freeland, Post 53.
Amos Finch, Post 55.

A. C. Estabrook, Post 56.
Frank T. Wolf, Post 57.
T. W. Baldwin, Post 58.
J. B. Scovel, Post 60.
William H. Smith, Post 61.
B. F. Oakes, Post 63.
H. C. Green, Post 67.
T. B. Main, Post 69.
W. W. Van Horn, Post 72.
E. S. Amedon, Post 73.
I. N. Hoyt, Post 74.
A. M. Van Wormer, Post 75.
J. Collins, Post 76.
A. L. Crossman, Post 78.
John Hoffmaster, Post 80.
L. W. Sprague, Post 83.
Chas. H. Depuy, Post 84.
S. B. Hicks, Post 87.
C. M. Hall, Post 88.
O. F. Moshier, Post 90.
Albert W. Wagar, Post 95.
C. V. W. Brokaw, Post 98.
J. O. Probasco, Post 100.
E. F. Doty, Post 101.
B. F. Sanborn, Post 108.
John O'Mara, Post 109.
James H. Dwyer, Post 110.
J. J. Holmes, Post 111.
C. E. Dunston, Post 114.
E. H. Green, Post 119.
George Barnes, Post 120.
Andrew J. Wilson, Post 121.
H. H. Trask, Post 125.
John R. Case, Post 126.
H. Outwater, Post 132.
M. W. Fairbanks, Post 134.
H. P. Jacobs, Post 137.
J. Q. A. Sessions, Post 137.
C. M. Demming, Post 139.
J. W. Wightman, Post 140.
J. E. Mapes, Post 144.
Orange Thompson, Post 145. •
Thomas Wyckoff, Post 147.
John Greig, Post 152.
C. D. Burt, Post 155.
William M. Leland, Post 156.
J. C. Thomas, Post 160.
D. M. Purchis, Post 163.
David Walkinshaw, Post 166.
E. A. Dunton, Post 170.
Chas. Smith, Post 174.

Emil Glaser, Post 175.
D. L. Smith, Post 179.
E. P. Allen, Post 180.
J. F. Beaumont, Post 181.
S. G. Allen, Post 182.
Samuel Smith, Post 184.
F. E. Hadley, Post 185.
H. E. Nichols, Post 187.
Victor B. Rottiers, Post 190.
E. W. Muenschner, Post 201.
Martin C. Daws, Post 205.
Calvin T. Smith, Post 210.
M. M. Carrier, Post 211.
R. B. Bishop, Post 213.
M. L. Skillman, Post 216.
A. A. Miner, Post 218.
William Baldock, Post 233.
O. Palmer, Post 240.
B. F. Taylor, Post 242.
Chas. P. Jeffords, Post 250.
George M. Doty, Post 252.
C. P. White, Post 259.
P. H. McBride, Post 262.
A. Van Auken, Post 263.
J. F. Lyon, Post 266.
John Madden, Post 269.
Daniel Case, Post 274.
H. J. Brenningstall, Post 281.
A. Kreamer, Post 283.
Benoni Lachance, Post 289.
D. E. Stearns, Post 294.
C. W. Perry, Post 298.
C. H. Blanchard, Post 300.
John Gilcrist, Post 303.
B. G. Webster, Post 318.
A. P. Goodwin, Post 326.
James A. Troutt, Post 343.
W. H. Weed, Post 347.
S. R. Sherwood, Post 352.
Squire Johnson, Post 360.
William Bartholomew, Post 365.
Benjamin B. Priest, Post 370.
J. W. Eastman, Post 377.
S. H. Mallery, Post 382.
Thos. S. McGraw, Post 384.
Charles G. Hampton, Post 384.
John H. Hendley, Post 393.
E. Bowerman, Post 394.
William Walker, Post 395.
O. B. Randall, Post 410.
M. M. Andrews, Post 419.

J. W. Burbank, Post 426.
H. F. Serrine, Post 433.
A. S. Rose, Post 442.
D. E. Cook, Post 444.
Isaac Grant, Post 451.
A. M. Albert, Post 452.
J. B. Hickey, Post 453.
L. A. Sayles, Post 456.
J. J. Brown, Post 460.
Joseph W. Wheeler, Post 461.
David W. Cousins, Post 462.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS.

6. At this date. A large number of Posts have not sent in their reports. Post Commanders and Adjutants who have failed to send in their reports must do so without further delay, to avoid being placed on delinquent list. A red X designates that your reports have not been received. Officers should bear in mind that the per-capita tax is 12½ cents.

FORTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

7. The Forty-Second National Encampment will be held in Toledo, Ohio, during the week, beginning with August 31st, to September 5th, 1908.

Railroad rates have been fixed and one and one-half fare for the round trip, except that within a radius of 100 miles where the fare does not exceed \$3.00 regular rates will be charged. Sale of tickets going August 28th to 31st. An effort is being made to have the sale of tickets extended to include Sept. 1st.

Tickets will be good returning to leave Toledo not later than September 15th, except that *extension of return limit*, to leave Toledo until October 15th, 1908, will be given by depositing Ticket with Special Agent on or before Sept. 15th, and paying \$1.00 for validating fee.

SPECIAL HEADQUARTERS TRAIN.

8. Arrangements have been made for a special train carrying the Department Commander and Staff and the President of the W. R. C. and her Staff, leaving Kalamazoo at 8:50 a. m. Monday, August 31, over the Michigan Central R. R., going via Jackson and the L. S. & M. S. R. R. to Toledo, arriving at Toledo at 1:15 p. m. Connections with this special train will be made at Kalamazoo with trains on the G. R. & I, and other connecting roads. Special through coaches on the M. C. R. R. will also leave Grand Rapids at 7:01 a. m., Bay City 6:15 a. m. and Three Rivers at 6:45 a. m., connecting with Headquarters Special at Jackson, leaving Jackson at 10:45 a. m. Comrades and friends living on the Michigan Central R. R. and connecting branches are specially invited to join the Department Commander on this train to Toledo. Posts expecting to attend the encampment as post organizations should arrange with the railroads for coaches so that ample accommodations may be provided. A special schedule, giving time of leaving each station and the railroad fare for the round trip, will be printed and mailed to the posts.

This is a special opportunity for the comrades of this department to attend the National Encampment on the very borders of our state. The parade will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 2. It is hoped that "Michigan. My Michigan" will be greatly in evidence in the parade.

HEADQUARTERS.

9. The Headquarters of the Department of Michigan will be established at the Boody House, Room 316. Every comrade from Michigan, and every one who served in the Michigan organizations, are earnestly requested to call at Headquarters and register. This is the best way to find your old comrades.

Department Headquarters in Lansing will close from Friday evening, August 29, to Tuesday, Sept. 8. Posts requiring supplies will govern themselves accordingly.

10. A meeting of the delegates and all entitled to seats in the National Encampment will be held at Headquarters, Room 316, Boody House, Tuesday evening, Sept. 1, at 8 p. m. All should be present as important business will be transacted.

Delegates who may find it impossible to attend the encampment are requested to notify the Assistant Adjutant General without delay, in order that alternates may be notified and vacancies filled.

Delegates and Aide-de-Camps are requested to appear in uniform, with slouch hat and cord. It is desired that every comrade be uniformed, as far as possible, but do not stay out of the parade because you do not have a uniform. All must wear the G. A. R. Membership Badge.

Posts who will attend the encampment as organizations will please notify these Headquarters at as early a date as possible.

FREE QUARTERS.

11. Free quarters will be assigned to all comrades who agree to appear in uniform in the parade. Free quarters *will not* be assigned to other than comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. Those desiring free quarters should bring their own pillows and blankets. Application for free quarters should be made to F. M. Sterrette, Executive Director, Toledo, O., is chairman of Committee on Private Accommodations.

12. Comrades are reminded that they can procure clean, fresh beds, and good shelter at from 50 cents to \$1.00 per day. Thomas Biddle, Toledo, O., is chairman on Private Accommodations.

13. Aides on the staff of the Department Commanders will report to the chief of staff, Henry P. Shutt, who will assign them to such duties as may be necessary.

14. Post Patriotic Instructors are requested to send in their names and postoffice address to Department Patriotic Instructor, M. C. Barney, Flint, Michigan.

Patriotic Instructors are required to encourage patriotism in their localities, and to perform such other duties as may be required by the Department Patriotic Instructor. A circular of suggestions will follow these orders.

15. In compliance with a resolution of the Department Encampment, Posts are requested to supply themselves with at least five copies of the

latest Rules and Regulations. It is evident that the comrades are neglecting the study of the rules of our organization.

16. Now, comrades, you have elected your officers; they have been installed and have entered upon their duties. The command is forward. Let no comrade waver or retreat until every comrade who served with us in the great struggle for the preservation of our Government shall have been enrolled in the ranks of our order.

By command of

OFFICIAL:
FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Asst. Adjt. General, G. A. R.

C. E. FOOTE,
Department Commander.

REUNIONS.

W. G. Alexander, Toledo, O., chairman of the Committee on Reunions, has arranged for nearly three hundred reunions. The comrades of Michigan will be interested in the following announcements:

BERDAN SHARPSHOOTERS.

Arrangements have been completed for a grand reunion of these two noted regiments during the week of the encampment. They will meet at Room 1, Central High School. (Seats 300.)

John D. Berdan, of Roselle, N. J., son of Col. Berdan, will be present.

24TH MICHIGAN INFANTRY.

This regiment, in connection with the other regiments of the "Iron Brigade," will meet Sept. 1st and 3rd in Room B, Central High School.

9TH MICHIGAN CAVALRY.

Kilpatrick's Brigade, of which the 9th Michigan Cavalry was a part, will hold a reunion in Room 15, Jefferson School, cor. Jefferson Ave. and 11th St., on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 1st and 2nd.

1ST MICHIGAN LIGHT ARTILLERY.

Comrade S. H. Frank, of Toledo, invites his comrades of the 1st Michigan, Light Artillery to meet him at High School, Room 2-B, Wednesday, Sept. 2nd, 8 to 9 a. m. "for the time of their lives."

1ST MICHIGAN SHARPSHOOTERS.

Kopp's Hall, 415 Summit St., all the week.

18TH MICHIGAN INFANTRY.

Room 4, High School, Sept. 1st and 2nd.

4TH MICHIGAN CAVALRY.

With other regiments of the Brigade. Upper Hall of I. O. O. F. Temple.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, Sept. 28, 1908.

General Orders, No. 3, Series 1908-9.

The 42nd National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic has become a record of the past, and this, like its many predecessors, had its full measure of pleasure to every one who could be present. It is a marvel to the present generation, those now most active in our national and business life, to see so many of the "Boys in Blue," tramp, tramp, tramp to the stirring sound of the fife and drum forty-three years after the close of the great War of the Rebellion.

We can but add our voice of praise with the many others in honor of the noble spirit and most enthusiastic welcome extended to the Grand Army by the citizens of Toledo. You, my comrades, who were there need not be told for the memories of the week will be as lasting as this life. To those who were not present and who through the infirmities of age were deprived of the pleasures and inspiration of the Encampment, you were not forgotten, those present were only reminders of the still greater number who could not be there.

To the Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic, I desire to extend my most hearty congratulations. Next to the Department of Ohio, Michigan was the largest Department in line, and the fine appearance and marching of this Department was most highly spoken of.

The appearance of so many Post organizations was most gratifying, where so many did so well it is hard to particularize. Post 17 of Detroit and 395 of Grand Rapids were probably the largest Posts in line. Our magnificent Drum Corps of 42 veterans of the war added inspiration to the occasion.

The Headquarters of this Department were thronged from early morning until late at night, and the registration was the largest ever made at an Encampment.

The thanks of the Department are due to Assistant Adjutant General Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Quartermaster General James E. White and Comrades Henry Spaulding, Dan J. Willson and H. A. Chapin, who were in direct charge of Department Headquarters, and were untiring in their devotion to duty, and in welcoming the many visitors to our Department, mention should also be made of Chief of Staff Henry P. Shutt and Senior Aide Aaron Miller for the efficient manner in which they performed their duties, mention could be made of many others who did much to make the occasion one of pleasure to all, but where so many did so well, it is hard to specify.

The Representatives elected to the encampment were present to a man and were most faithful in their attendance upon the business sessions of the encampment.

The Department Commander also desires to express his appreciation of the presence and interest manifested by the Past Department Commanders. Only four of those now living, being absent.

The presence of the noble women who are always to be found where

there is a gathering of the Grand Army comrades, the members of the W. R. C., was an inspiration, and their enthusiasm without bounds, their devotion to our Order and its principles cannot be too highly spoken of.

Comrades: I have nothing but praise for the Department of Michigan and its part in the 42nd National Encampment at Toledo. Let the inspiration there received, be manifest in our more earnest work, in the Post and in recruiting our ranks. Let us direct our attention to the objects for which our great Order was organized and for which it exists. "Coupled with the admonition, that we cannot too often dedicate ourselves to the achievement of those objects and the fulfillment of those purposes."

By command of

C. E. FOOTE,
Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, Nov. 23, 1908.

General Orders, No. 4., Series 1908-9.

1. The annual election of Post Officers will be held at the first meeting of the Post in December, as required by the Rules and Regulations.

The election of Delegates and Alternates for 31st Department Encampment will be held at the same time. Posts are entitled to representation at the ratio of one Delegate and Alternate for every 50 members or major portion of that number.

2. Blanks for the semi-annual report of the Post Adjutants and Quartermaster, also for report of Post Patriotic Instructors. Post election returns and credentials are sent herewith.

Reports of Post Adjutants and Quartermasters with the per capita tax of twelve and one-half cents on each member in good standing, must be sent in to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the the last meeting in December. Post Commanders will see that these reports are promptly forwarded. Newly elected officers cannot be installed until such reports have been forwarded to Department Headquarters.

The Post Election blanks should be filed out and forwarded immediately after the Post Election. Care should be taken to have the names of the officers and addresses correctly spelled.

The credential blanks should be filled out with the names of the Delegates and Alternates and *all* Past Post Commanders who are in good standing. Special care should be given to filling out these blanks so that the name of every comrade entitled to a seat in the Encampment shall appear on the credentials. Injustice has been done comrades by a failure to properly fill out these important blanks.

INSPECTION.

3. Section I, Article V, Chapter V, Rules and Regulations, reads as follows: "The *Commander-in-chief* or any *Department Commander* may require the inspection of any Department or Post in their respective jurisdiction, whenever they may believe that the best interests of the order require it."

In accordance with the discretion given, the Department Commander has thought best not to order a general inspection of the Posts of this Department. Any Post that may desire to hold inspection can do so and on request a detail of an Assistant Inspector will be made from Headquarters.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS.

4. Blanks for the report of Post Patriotic Instructors accompany these orders, and report should be made to Department Patriotic Instructor before the 15th of April, next.

Agreeable to resolutions adopted at the last National Encampment, the One-hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of Abraham Lincoln will be universally observed on the 12th of February, 1909. Special programs should be arranged for by each Post and Patriotic Instructors are urged to see that the schools in his immediate vicinity be requested to hold special exercises.

For the proper observance of the day a special program has been prepared by O. H. Oldroyd, 516 Tenth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Copies can be had at 10 cents each or \$1.00 per doz. This program brings out many interesting events and sayings in the life of Lincoln, and makes a most interesting program. A report of the observance of Lincoln's Day should be embodied in the report of the Patriotic Instructor.

SURGEONS' REPORTS.

5. By action of the National Encampment the reports of Post Surgeons and Medical Directors have been dispensed with, so no blanks are sent out this year.

INSTALLATION OF POST OFFICERS.

6. Post Officers elected to serve during the year 1909 must be installed at the first meeting in January.

Posts desiring other than the ranking Past Post Commander or Department officers to act as installing officer should forward the name of the comrade to these headquarters at as early a date as possible, in order that assignments may be made. Courtesy requires that the expenses incurred by the comrade detailed at the request of a Post should be paid by the Post asking the detail.

The Department Commander believes that great benefit is derived from the holding of joint public installations of Officers of the Post and Women's Relief Corps, and requests that where possible such joint installation be held, and that it be made an interesting occasion for the comrades, the corps, their friends and the public.

7. The Department Commander suggests that the Posts and Corps

come together more frequently in campfires and social gatherings. Renewed interest and zeal is created by Posts visiting each other and enjoying a good feast of words, and not only words, but of the good things the Ladies of the W. R. C. know how to provide.

8. The attention of Post Commanders has been repeatedly called to the delays and careless manner in which many of the Semi-annual reports are made up and forwarded to Headquarters. In many cases the *Red Figures* are changed. This must not be done. Names of comrades mustered in, received by transfer or reinstated must be given, as well as those who have died, been transferred, suspended or dropped. Many Posts make the error of deducting dropped members from the number in good standing, dropped members are taken from the suspended list and no other. The Quartermaster's reports in many instances are very incomplete.

The neglect to properly fill out the reports gives the Assistant Adjutant General much extra work in the way of correspondence before the reports are completed and acceptable. There is much unnecessary delay in sending the reports in, this delay causes delay in the sending of Department Reports to National Headquarters. Reports of Posts must be sent to Department Headquarters before new Post Officers can be installed. Post Commanders are charged with the duty of seeing that all reports are promptly forwarded immediately after the last meeting in December.

QUORUM.

9. By action of the last National Encampment Posts having a membership of 25 and less, a quorum of three is sufficient for the transaction of business and such Posts need not meet but once in three months.

10. From the many encouraging letters received from Aide-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander and many Post Commanders, the Department Commander is confidently looking for an increase in the membership throughout the Department, the reports soon to come in will show how well you have kept your promises. There is a very fruitful field for recruiting among the suspended and dropped members, with a full appreciation of the difficulties in the way of recruiting, we are convinced that the difficulty is not so much with the recruit, as with those who should be recruiters, with hearty cooperation there is every assurance of success.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORTS.

11. The Department Chaplain hands us the following request which is published for the benefit of the Posts interested:

"The Department Chaplain reports about 70 Posts still delinquent with their Memorial Day reports. This is unjust to these Posts, and to the Chaplain causes much delay and unnecessary work and expense. The Adjutant or Chaplain of every Post who has not yet reported, will please be kind to himself and his Post and do so now."

12. The following additional names having been appointed as Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander, they will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Charles A. Bartlett, Post No. 17, Detroit.

Charles B. Randolph, Post No. 17, Detroit.

Griffin Lewis, Post No. 67, Bay City.

By Command of

C. E. FOOTE,

Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING. Dec. 28, 1908.

General Orders, No. 5, Series 1908-9.

In compliance with resolution of the National Encampment and orders from National Headquarters for the proper observance of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, the committee appointed by the Commander-in-chief have formulated a program as a guide for the proper observance of the day, which is here promulgated:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLAN FOR OBSERVANCE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Department Commanders:

Pursuant to the recommendation of the committee authorized by the 41st National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, and appointed "to take into consideration the fitting celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln," which was made a report to the 42nd National Encampment that was unanimously adopted, the undersigned have been appointed a committee to prepare a program for the occasion, met in New York City, October 19th, 1908, and submits the following as the result of its deliberations:

1. That the Commander-in-chief be requested to invite the President of the United States, Governors of States and Territories and Mayors of cities, to participate with the Grand Army of the Republic in public recognition of the Centennial Anniversary of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, February 12, 1909, and by proclamation as far as practical, recommend that the day be observed as a special holiday.

2. That the Commander of each Department shall appoint immediately a committee to arrange for the celebration in his Department according to the following program.

3. That the Department Committee shall be announced in Department General Orders, with an outline of the method proposed herein for adoption, to-wit:

- (a). That every Post shall recognize the day in some fitting manner, either in special meeting, or in attendance as a body where a public celebration is held.

- (b). That in cities or towns where there are more than one Post, there shall be a united observance, where it is practicable, embracing all the Posts which shall be public.

(c). That in the rural districts the exercises shall be held at the county seat, to which all Posts may send delegates without limit, or at such other places as the Posts shall designate for their convenience.

(d). That the co-operation of the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Sons and Daughters of Veterans, and all other patriotic societies be invited to participate in all functions arranged for this occasion.

(e). That all departments of education controlling colleges, universities, and public, parochial or private schools, be requested to arrange for recognition of the day with appropriate and special exercises, and we recommend the following program:

1. KELLER'S AMERICAN HYMN.

2. INVOCATION.

"Almighty Father: Humbly we bow before Thee, our Creator, Guide and Preserver. We thank Thee for what faith makes real to us; Thine almighty power that created the heavens and the earth and all things that are therein; the boundless love that environs Thy children and moves them reverently to say 'Our Father.' We thank Thee for the noble men under whose leadership this fair land was dedicated to freedom of thought, expression and action; to their successors who have given themselves to solving grave problems arising from changing conditions. At this hour we would specially thank Thee, that in the time of the country's dire peril a man was sent of Thee equal to the emergency. We pray, our Father, that these evidences of Thy love and goodness and these examples of noble living and noble doing, may inspire us all to attempt to live unselfishly, and to do our duty as far as in us lies according to the precepts of Thy Holy Word, and to Thee we give all the honor and praise, now and forever more. Amen."

3. "Battle Hymn of the Republic." (Solo with Chorus.)

4. Sketch of Abraham Lincoln. (Not over 500 words.)

5. Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

6. Centennial Hymn (J. G. Whittier), (See J. K. Paine, page 79).

7. Extracts and Quotations from the Writings and Speeches of Lincoln. (By Selected Pupils.)

8. "Star Spangled Banner." by Audience.

9. Address (Life and Character of Lincoln).

10. "America," by Audience.

11. Benediction.

(f). That the clergy are requested to have special services in their churches, synagogues and Sabbath schools on the Sabbath preceding February 12th.

And this committee recommends and urges that every comrade shall have *personal notice* of the forthcoming observance; be furnished with the Order of Exercises herewith issued, and fully informed of the purpose to issue at cost from National Headquarters upon requisition of the Department Quartermaster, a Souvenir Medal, suitably inscribed, that will be a welcome heirloom token of the patriotism of the comrade who served in the Union Army or Navy during the Civil War under the direction of its Commander-in-Chief, Abraham Lincoln.

And it is further urged, without waiting for more definite details, that immediate steps be taken to carry out the program, that it may be complete, and its example a stimulation for a general recognition of the day.

And it is recommended that the following program be the Order of Exercises for all Assemblies (except as provided for schools):

1. Music (Instrumental).
2. Invocation (Same as recommended for schools).
3. "America," by the Audience.
4. Vocal Music (Solo or Glee Club).
5. Address (Life and Character of Lincoln).
6. "Star Spangled Banner," by the Audience.
7. Gettysburg Address.
8. "Nearer My God To Thee," by the Audience.
9. Doxology, by the Audience.
10. Benediction.

Department Commanders are requested to see that this Order is promulgated through the Press.

ALLAN G. BAKEWELL, Chairman,	} Committee.
ST. CLAIR A. MULHOLLAND,	
J. PAYSON BRADLEY,	
WILBUR F. BROWN,	
HEMAN W. ALLEN,	

Approved:

HENRY M. NEVIUS,
Commander-in-Chief, G. A. R.

Official:

FRANK O. COLE,
Adjutant General.

The Department Commander, in view of the short time before the 12th of February, only about six weeks, recommends, that each Post, if it has not already done so, appoint a committee as may be deemed necessary to carry out the program as outlined by the National Committee. This is a work in which Post Patriotic Instructors should take an active part.

The attention of Post Commanders is called to paragraphs A, B, C, D, E, and F.

It is expected that Post Commanders and Committees will comply with the request and instruction of the National Committee. If Post meetings come too late in the month for proper preparation, let special meetings be called, and the work properly pushed. Let the programs be published in the local press, and let all unite in paying tribute to our great *Commander-in-Chief* on this the one hundredth anniversary of his Birth.

Several copies of this program will be sent to each Post, and more will be supplied by request, as long as the supply lasts.

The attention of Comrades is called to the *Lincoln Program*, published by Capt. O. H. Oldroyd, 519 Thirteenth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

This little book of 20 pages contains all that is needed to fill out a

program, so that busy men will not be compelled to spend hours hunting for reminiscences. This program contains fragments of speeches of Lincoln, including his Gettysburg address. It contains the story of his boyhood, another of his early manhood, and still another of him as president. If you should not want to use it as a program, you will find it a rarely good book to read.

Those desiring Capt. Oldroyd's program can secure the same by sending to him. The price has been placed at 10 cents per copy, \$1 per dozen, or \$5 per 100, sent prepaid on receipt of price.

The program as suggested may be given as a whole or in part, or may be amended or wholly superseded as circumstances may dictate.

Let us put forth every effort to honor the great, pure, strong and unselfish Commander of our Army and Navy during the struggle for the life of the nation.

By command of

C. E. FOOTE,

Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Asst. Adjt. General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, Feb. 20, 1909.

General Orders, No. 6, Series 1908-9.

1. The Thirty-first Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, G. A. R., will be held at Kalamazoo, June 22, 23, 24.

The citizens of Kalamazoo have appointed their committees and are planning for large things, have said that the thirty-first Encampment shall be the best yet held. It is expected that the comrades of the Department will in every way second their efforts. Let every comrade plan early to be present.

2. Plans are being prepared for a *Children's Camp Fire*, to be held in the Academy of Music on the evening of the 22d of June (the first day). This will be for the children of the schools.

It is hoped to secure the services of National Patriotic Instructor, Bishop Fallows, of Chicago, for one of the Speakers. There will be other prominent speakers present. It is expected that the Department President of the W. R. C. will present the flag to the High School at this meeting.

3. The parade will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday the 23d. One of the interesting features of this parade will be *The Old Battle Flags of Michigan Regiments*. The Governor, Hon. Fred M. Warner and Quartermaster General James H. Kidd, having kindly consented to let the flags be taken out under certain restrictions.

There appears to be some apprehension that to take the flags out for the parade would be to destroy them. The arrangements are that these flags shall be closely rolled and encased in netting, with a streamer attached giving the name of the regiment by whom they were carried

in the war. They will be safely packed and kept under strict guard from the time they leave the Capitol until their return. Surely no one will take more pride in seeing that no harm shall come to these flags than the comrades who marched and fought under their folds. It is also hoped to secure a large number of the old color bearers, with a color guard to carry them in the parade. Comrades who were color bearers in the service are requested to correspond with Department Commander C. E. Foote, Kalamazoo, stating if they will be present and carry the old flag.

Another great feature of the parade is to be a *Living Marching Flag*, composed of over twelve hundred school children. This has never been attempted before at a department encampment and will be a sight to inspire the heart of every one who sees it. The superintendent of the public schools and teachers are giving their time and energy to perfecting this elaborate part of the parade.

4. The general Camp Fire will be held on the evening of the 23d and will be addressed by Commander-in-Chief Henry M. Nevius of New Jersey. The National President of the W. R. C. and other noted speakers. Music will also be furnished by one of the finest musical organizations in the state.

A program giving all particulars will be issued later.

5. Headquarters of the Department will be established at the Hotel Burdick.

Hotel rates will be published later. Private houses will be open for entertaining the Comrades, giving them lodgings and breakfast for 75c and \$1.00. Commander Foote requests that any desiring to secure quarters at hotels or private residences write him, stating the kind of accommodations required, and the price you desire to pay and accommodations will be secured for you.

6. The Executive Committee and Council of Administration will meet Tuesday the 22d at headquarters in the Burdick. The Executive Committee meeting at 10 a. m. and the Council of Administration at 2:30 p. m.

7. The Department Encampment will convene at 9 a. m., Wednesday, June 23d at the Academy of Music for the transaction of the business of the Encampment.

8. R. R. rates and further details of the Encampment will be published in future orders.

9. Posts and County Battalions who will attend as organizations, are requested to so inform Capt. Aaron Miller, Kalamazoo, stating the probable number that will be present, so that they may be properly assigned to position in the parade.

10. The Department Commander requests that the Comrades and Posts of the Department rally as one man to the support of the Department and patriotic citizens of Kalamazoo in making this the most enthusiastic and largest attended encampment of years, and show to the people of the state that we are still a living power in the land.

By command of

C. E. FOOTE,
Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, April 20, 1909.

General Orders, No. 7, Series 1908-9.

As previously announced the 31st Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held in the city of Kalamazoo, June 22, 23 and 24, 1909.

Headquarters will be established at The Burdick.

The Executive Committee Council of Administration will meet at 10 a. m., June 22.

The Council of Administration which is composed of all the officers of the Department will meet at headquarters at The Burdick, at 3:30 p. m., June 22, for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it.

The Committee on Credentials will be on duty at Headquarters from 10 o'clock of the morning of June 22 until the encampment opens. Representatives and members of the encampment will report to this Committee immediately upon arrival and present their credentials and receive the Badge of the Encampment.

The following comrades are hereby appointed as Committee on Credentials, to act in conjunction with the Assistant Adjutant General:

Henry Spaulding, Post 20; Dan J. Willson, Post 48; H. A. Chapin, Post 32, and Freeman Hall, Post 79.

The general registration for all comrades will be in the lobby of The Burdick. This is a general registration and all comrades will see that they and all others are registered. A souvenir badge will be presented by the Committee to each comrade who registers.

ENCAMPMENT.

The Encampment will convene in the Academy of Music, So. Rose St., at 9 o'clock a. m. Wednesday, June 23, and will continue in session until the business of the Encampment is finished.

OTHER PLACES OF MEETING.

The Woman's Relief Corps will meet in the Congregational Church.

The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will meet in the Church of Christ, next door to the G. A. R. building on No. Park St.

Staff officers and aides-de-camp will report to Capt. H. P. Shutt, Chief of Staff at Room 225, The Burdick, upon arrival.

The Commander of Orcutt Post No. 79, will detail a sufficient number of comrades properly armed and uniformed to act as guards at the encampment.

Comrade Charles Prange, Post 79, is hereby detailed as Officer of the Day and Comrade Charles W. Davenport, Post 79, as Officer of the Guard.

The Officer of the Day will report to the Assistant Adjutant General

at Headquarters for instruction not later than 8 o'clock a. m., on Wednesday, the 23d.

Department Officers, Members of Staff and Standing Committees having reports to make, are requested to send a copy to the Assistant Adjutant General not later than June 5.

HOTEL RATES.

The Burdick—One or more in room, \$2.50 to \$4.00.

The Rickman, (fire proof)—\$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50.

American Hotel—\$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.50.

Arlington Hotel—\$1.25 to \$1.50.

Columbia Hotel—\$1.25 to \$1.50.

Lincoln Hotel—\$1.00.

The above all on American plan.

The Berghoff—50 cents and \$1.00, European plan.

Hotel Portage—50 cents and \$1.00, European plan.

Private houses will rent rooms at from 75 cents to \$1.25 per day, two in a room. Breakfast will be served by many at above prices.

Those desiring reservations in hotels or private houses write to Commander C. E. Foote, stating what is desired and the price you wish to pay and he will secure rooms for you.

RAILROAD RATES.

The Department Commander is pleased to announce that the matter of rates was taken up with the Michigan Passenger Association with the result that all the railroads of Michigan have granted an excursion rate of one and one-half fare for the round trip to Kalamazoo. Minimum excursion rate \$1.00 and sufficient to be added to make the fare end in 0 or 5.

Tickets from points in the lower peninsula will be sold going June 21, 22 and 23, with return limit to June 26, 1909.

From points in the upper peninsula dates for the sale of tickets, via Mackinaw City, June 19, 20 and 21, return limit to June 28, 1909. But in the event that the bill now before the legislature for a two cent per mile fare in the upper peninsula of Michigan is passed, then this special rate will be canceled for that district.

The M. U. R. Interurban have granted a rate of one and one-half fare from Jackson.

The Detroit United Railway announce the following rates from points on their line to Jackson as follows:

Detroit each way \$1.00, Wayne 80 cents, Ypsilanti 65 cents, Ann Arbor 55 cents, Dexter 45 cents, Chelsea 35 cents, Grass Lake 15 cents.

These rates to be added to the fare on the M. U. R. from Jackson.

The D. U. R. Interurban also announce that they are preparing party rates but they will not be ready for some weeks.

ENTERTAINMENT, ETC.

The comrades and citizens of Kalamazoo are making unusual efforts to entertain the visiting comrades and their Auxiliaries. Camp-fires,

receptions and Regimental reunions will be provided for, and no effort will be spared to make your visit one of pleasure.

CAMPFIRES.

On Tuesday evening, June 22, a campfire will be held exclusively for the children at the Academy of Music and will be addressed by prominent speakers. This will be made a pleasing event for the young people.

On Wednesday evening, June 23, there will be two general campfires held, both being addressed by Commander-in-Chief Nevius and other prominent G. A. R. speakers and citizens.

PARADE.

This will be a feature of the Encampment and will take place on Wednesday, June 23, at 2 p. m. As before announced, Governor Fred M. Warner and Quartermaster General James H. Kidd have given their permission for the loan of the Michigan Battle Flags to be carried in the parade. These flags will be surrounded with the greatest care and protection from the time they leave Lansing until they are returned; they will remain closely furled and will be encased in strong netting. They will be guarded by the color bearer and four color guards for each stand of colors. The Flags will parade in a separate division guarded while on parade by Co. C, 2nd regiment, Michigan National Guard. No persons other than the bearers and guards will be allowed to touch or handle them.

From the time they arrive at Kalamazoo until their return they will be under close guard and care of Co. C, 2nd Reg., M. N. G.

Comrades who desire to carry their old flags in the parade and who will notify the Department Commander promptly, stating in what Regiment or Battery they served, will be detailed to carry them so far as it can possibly be done.

A marching, living flag of 600 children is being arranged by the superintendent of the Kalamazoo public schools, S. O. Hartwell, to march in the parade, which alone will be a feature never before attempted by the Department of Michigan, and will be a sight worth coming many miles to see.

HEADQUARTERS.

will be closed at Lansing from June 21 to 26 and will be opened temporarily at The Burdick, Kalamazoo, from June 22 to 24 inclusive.

REPRESENTATION IN DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT.

The Forty-second National Encampment held at Toledo amended the Rules and Regulations so that all Past Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders are now members of the Department Encampment. Post Commanders are requested to forward to the Assistant Adjutant General at Lansing, the names of any Comrade now in good standing who has held the position of Senior or Junior Vice Department Commander, with date of his service as such. This information is necessary to enable the Assistant Adjutant General to properly prepare the rolls of

the Encampment. It is important that this order be promptly complied with.

The Lincoln Centennial Medal which is being made at the U. S. Mint in Philadelphia, has been delayed in its making by the crowded condition of work at the mint. The committee have now promised to deliver the same about May 1st. The Assistant Adjutant General will forward them to Posts who have ordered as soon as they are received by him.

Commander-in-Chief Henry M. Nevius, having accepted the invitation of the Department Commander, will be present during the encampment.

The Department Commander desires to personally thank all Post Commanders and Comrades who have responded to his call for recruiting the ranks of the G. A. R. The call and your labors have not been without results, the work seems now to be but just begun. Let us not slacken our efforts as long as there is one remaining outside. Let every one who can plan to be in attendance at the Encampment. You will never regret it. Attention is called to the Regimental reunions to be held in Kalamazoo on the same dates as the encampment.

SOUTHERN MEMORIAL FUND.

In response to resolution of the Forty-second National Encampment, the Commander-in-Chief in General Orders No. 5 calls upon the Posts, and comrades for contributions to this fund to help the small Posts and comrades in the Southland to properly decorate the "Graves of the Great Army of our comrades who sleep in the Cemeteries in the Southern States."

Contributions can be sent to the Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R., Lansing.

"Comrades please attend to this important matter immediately."

By order of

C. E. FOOTE,

Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Assistant Adjutant General.

INFORMATION WANTED.

Mary E. Jolly, Tecumseh, Mich., desires information as to address of Lorenzo D. Jolly, late Co. C., 143 Ohio Inf. He left his home in Tecumseh, Mich, March 27, 1894, presumably to join Genl. Coxes Army.

His wife is seeking any information that may lead to his still being alive or of his death.

REUNIONS.

At the request of Major W. C. Stevens the surviving members of the Ninth Michigan Cavalry are called to meet in Room 320, Burdick House, during the Department Encampment, June 22, 23 and 24. Come at any time, the room will be open during the entire Encampment. "Come out from under saddles."

The First Michigan Sharpshooters will hold their reunion in the Court House, Kalamazoo, June 22. Members of this organization please keep this in mind.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, May 25, 1909.

General Orders, No. 8, Series 1908-9.

1. As heretofore announced, the 31st annual encampment will be held in Kalamazoo, June 22, 23, 24, as promulgated in General Orders No. 7. The programme as there announced will be carried out, with one additional feature. The two Cavalry Troops, A and B of Michigan National Guard, in heavy marching order, will be in Kalamazoo and take part in the parade on Wednesday, the 23d.

2. Enclosed herewith are blank forms A and B, Adjutant's and Quartermaster's reports for June, blanks for Chaplain's Memorial Day report, and blanks for report of Post Patriotic Instructors.

The reports of Post Adjutants and Quartermasters, with the per capita tax of twelve and one-half cents on each member in good standing must be in the hands of the Assistant Adjutant General before July 10th. This is necessary owing to the early date of the National Encampment, which will be held August 9-14. Post Commanders are directed to give their personal attention to the prompt transmission of these reports. Do not wait for the 30th of June, but immediately after the last meeting in the month send in the reports.

Post Chaplains are charged with making out the Chaplain's report immediately after Memorial Day. In the absence of the Post Chaplain the Adjutant of the Post is charged with making out the report. The Chaplain's report must be sent to the Department Chaplain in the enclosed addressed envelope.

Post Patriotic Instructors will fill out the enclosed blank reports and forward the same to the Department Patriotic Instructor before the 15th of June.

3. As the time draws near for holding the Department Encampment the Department Commander desires to give expression to the hope that the comrades of the Department will avail themselves of the privilege and attend the encampment. The many attractions and earnest effort of the patriotic citizens of Kalamazoo to make this encampment a record breaker should meet with hearty approval of the comrades in a largely increased attendance.

LINCOLN CENTENNIAL MEDALS.

4. After long and patient waiting the Lincoln medals are being distributed, and it is confidently believed that you are well repaid for your long wait in the excellent work of art that has been produced. Knowing that many comrades would desire to secure one after they have seen them the Assistant Adjutant General wrote the committee asking if they would receive further orders for the medals, the following extract from a letter received will be of interest:

NEW YORK, May 21, 1909.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R., Lansing Mich.:

Dear Comrade: I am glad to receive your letter of the 17th and to say that the Department of Michigan is the first to have medals shipped to it, which you deserved.

The committee has not placed any limit of time for receiving orders, but it must do so some time.

We have orders for 10,000 medals and can make only 100 per day, so let us hope the die won't break.

The labor of the committee concerning the observance of the Lincoln Centennial was manifold, but it is amply repaid in the magnificent results throughout the whole country.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

ALLEN C. BAKEWELL,
Chairman.

In view of the above, the Assistant Adjutant General will continue to receive orders for the Lincoln medal, subject to delay. It is found necessary, owing to the extra expense of express and mail, to ask the comrades to add 10 cents to the price of the medal, which is 75 cents, making 85 cents for quantities less than 8. Where eight or more are ordered, addition of 5 cents, making 80 cents is asked for to pay express charges. Send in your orders early if you desire the medal.

By order of

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Assistant Adjutant General.

C. E. FOOTE,
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, June 8, 1909.

General Orders, No. 9, Series 1908-9.

To Post Commanders and to Comrades of the Department of Michigan,
Grand Army of the Republic:

It is with sincere regret I announce the death of my predecessor, Charles E. Foote, which occurred at his home in Kalamazoo, Saturday, June 5, 1909.

Words fail me in the expression of my emotions when I heard the unexpected and sad news. Comrade Foote was so well fitted for his high place, so devoted to its duties, and earnest in carrying out every detail of the office of Department Commander. I recall the exalted spirit in which he addressed the comrades of the Department after his election to the exalted position, pledging every effort that he could make during the coming year should be to advance the interests of the Grand Army of the Department of Michigan. On the very eve of our Department Encampment for the success of which he labored so earnestly, he has passed to

the other side, and joined the great army of the immortals. "He is with those who rest from their labors and are at peace."

To his stricken wife, and members of his family, and to the comrades of this Department, we tender the expression of our deepest sorrow at his going; he has fallen while engaged in the general great work of his office, sustaining and honoring the Grand Army of the Republic, and giving to his comrades cheer and comfort and a brave example of a noble life.

It is directed that the Charter of the Department and every Post be draped for a period of 30 days after receipt of these orders.

By authority given in Chapter 3, Article 6, Section 2, Rules and Regulations.

I hereby assume command of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic.

The Assistant Adjutant General, the Assistant Quartermaster General, and all other officers of the Staff will continue in the performance of their several duties during the remainder of the year and until their successors shall be chosen in the encampment.

By the same authority as before cited Junior Vice Department Commander Jay J. Drake, Post 21, St. Joseph, will succeed to the title and duties of Senior Vice Department Commander.

At the meeting of the Council of Administration to be held in Kalamazoo, June 22, 1909, a Junior Vice Commander will be elected to fill the vacancy thus created.

The following committee is appointed to prepare suitable resolutions on the death of Department Commander C. E. Foote and present the same at the Encampment to be held June 22-24: James E. White, Post 79; R. R. Pealer, Post 72; H. A. Backus, Post 17.

The details and arrangements for the coming 31st Department Encampment for which Comrade Foote labored so efficiently and earnestly, are all completed and will be carried out as planned by him. Let the comrades of the Department show their appreciation of the labor and sacrifice of our departed Commander, and in part pay the merited respect due him by a largely increased attendance at the Encampment on June 22, 23 and 24.

All communications intended for the Department Commander should be addressed to me, No. 602 Whitney Bldg., Detroit, Mich. All other communications as usual to Asst. Adjt. Gen., at Lansing, Mich.

GEO. L. HOLMES,
Department Commander.

IN MEMORIAM.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
LANSING, December 1, 1908.

It is with regret that the Department Commander announces the decease of Past Department Commander Rush J. Shank, of this Department, which occurred at his home in Lansing, Nov. 25th, 1908. Comrade Shank has been in feeble health for over two years but his death was sudden and unexpected.

In the early history of the Department, Comrade Shank took an active part in its affairs; was elected a Commander of Chas. T. Foster Post, No. 42, in 1882 and again in 1883. In 1884 he was elected Department Commander and served his comrades and the Department with ability. During the later years his professional duties prevented his taking that active interest which his heart prompted. His interest in the establishing and building of the Michigan Soldiers' Home, and his subsequent work as one of the board of managers, endeared him to his comrades. Comrade Shank also held many civic positions, having been elected Mayor of his home city. In every position that he was called to serve, he proved himself an efficient and capable official. Thus one by one our comrades are called from our ranks here to swell the increasing numbers on the eternal camping grounds.

In honor of our departed comrade, the Posts of the Department will drape their charters for a period of thirty days.

The Department Commander extends to his bereaved and stricken daughter, the sincere sympathy of the Department.

By command of

C. E. FOOTE,

Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Assistant Adjutant General.

MEMORIAL DAY.

OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER,

KALAMAZOO, April 17, 1909.

Comrades: As the 30th day of May this year occurs on Sunday, Commander-in-Chief, Henry Nevius, has ordered that Monday, May 31st, be observed as Memorial Day, agreeable to orders as issued. The Posts of this Department will observe that day. Posts who may have made arrangements for holding services on the 29th of May, may do so if they cannot change without great inconvenience.

In accordance with our usual custom, the Posts of this Department are ordered and earnestly urged to attend Divine Service at some church on Sunday, May 30th.

Posts are recommended to invite their Auxiliaries, the Woman's Relief Corps, and the Ladies of the G. A. R. and such other patriotic organizations as it may seem proper to join with them in these services.

Let us show by our attendance on Divine Service the respect and reverence due to Him who guided all the affairs of state and "who saved and preserved us a nation."

On the following day all Posts and W. R. C. corps and Ladies of the G. A. R. are expected to devote the day in preparing and strewing flowers upon the graves of our Comrades that have preceded us on our long march and are now in camp beyond the Great Divide.

Dear comrades, let not the beautiful custom of strewing flowers o'er the graves of our comrades, which was inaugurated by our great Chief-tain, Gen. John A. Logan, be forgotten, but seek out the graves of all such and garland them with God's choicest gifts, the beautiful flowers. And should perchance a confederate soldier's grave be in your pathway, do not neglect to garland it as well—not as a remembrance of his loyalty, but as a token of his bravery, which he showed while fighting in a misguided cause.

In the afternoon, it is hoped that all Posts in the Department, will meet in their respective Post rooms, or some designated place and hold Memorial exercises and have addresses upon patriotism.

Invite the children to meet with you, both at the decoration of the graves and at the afternoon exercises, in order that they may learn what war was and what the comrades before them endured and suffered in order that our glorious Government might live and that they might be permitted to live in a happy, free and undivided country and that Old Glory in all its beauty, is still waving over them, as an emblem of equal rights and National unity.

"And when after taps comes the last reveille
And Assembly shall sound on that far away shore,
May we meet on parade, neath the shade of Life's tree,
With Grant, silent Chief, at the head of the Corps."

By order of

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Assistant Adjutant General.

C. E. FOOTE,
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, Dec. 28, 1908.

Circular Letter, No. 3.

In this the glad greeting time of all the year, I wish to convey the greetings of the Christmas time and the Happy New Year to every Post as an organization and every comrade individually in this Department.

We can find great cause for rejoicing and thankfulness that after forty-three years since the close of the great war for the preservation of our National integrity and unity, so many of us are spared to greet the incoming of the year 1909. And we view with increased pride the greatness and power of this our loved country. We are proud of the record that we when younger and in the full flush of youth, helped to write upon the world's page of history. And let us, comrades, strive to perpetuate the fraternal feelings which bound us together as Boys and Comrades from '61 to '65. Our work and history as the Grand Army of the Republic is not yet fully written. Let us rejoice that after passing through the perils and suffering of war, and the lapse of so many years, we are permitted to greet so many of those who followed Old Glory, and who stood by each other in the perils of battle, when to touch the elbow of comrades gave us renewed courage and strength. Let the inspirations of the past give us new courage for the battle of life still before us. Let us strive till the end comes to be faithful in our duty to our comrades living. Many need the encouragement of the hearty hand clasp, given in comradeship greetings. Comrades, let us be solicitous of the welfare of our aged and infirm comrades. It may be but little that we can do, but let us resolve in the name of the God of battles that we will stand steadfast by our noble Order. Yes, on the honor of a soldier, let's do it till taps sounds for you and me.

Your Comrade and Well Wisher,

C. E. FOOTE,
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, April 6, 1909.

Circular Letter, No. 4.

Post Patriotic Instructor:

The Chairman of the National Committee on Observance of Lincoln Centennial Day has sent to the several Departments a circular letter asking for particulars of the celebration of Lincoln's Day, as held by the Posts of the Department. Agreeable to the request, you will gather such material as is called for, and if copies of speeches and programs cannot be had, write out a sketch of the observance of the day as held by the Post or citizens, and send the same to M. C. Barney, Department Patriotic Instructor, Flint, Mich., who will collect the same and forward to Allan C. Bakewell, of the National Committee. For your guidance in this matter, a copy of the letter sent to the Department accompanies this letter. This information is wanted before the first of May, so that promptness in reply is very urgent.

By order of

C. E. FOOTE,
Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, Dec. 29, 1908.

Special Dispensation No. 3.

The attention of Post Commanders is especially called to Circular No. 1 from National Headquarters, and which was sent to the Posts of this Department the last of November.

It is requested that this Circular be read at two or more meetings of the Post, in order that the comrades may become acquainted with the facts set forth and with the desire of the Commander-in-Chief relative to recruiting.

The Department Commander would call attention to the class of men mentioned who would gladly join the Grand Army of the Republic if they could do so. "Many are old men, too old to attend Post meetings, too poor to pay initiation fees and dues, who look with envy upon the Grand Army man. They were good soldiers, brave, loyal and true to our country and its flag. Some provision should be made whereby these comrades can be brought into our order. I would suggest that a dispensation be granted to Post Commanders to muster such men in their homes, pin the badge upon their breast, put the little bronze button in the lapel of their coat, let the disgruntled and dissatisfied appearance vanish from their face and replace it with a smile of joy and content-

ment. Let them sit by their firesides with their children and grandchildren, peaceful and happy, and teach to them the privilege and duty of patriotism, and when they are called, let them go as Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Our good auxiliaries, the noble women, have never failed us; they whose charities have done so much for us in the spirit of F. C. and L., have promised me that they will gladly aid in this good work in rebuilding the fire of patriotism in these cold hearts, that we cannot reach, and they will gladly pay the per capita tax of all such comrades."

For the purpose of carrying out the recommendations as quoted, the Post Commanders of the Posts of this Department, are hereby granted a special dispensation, this dispensation to be in force for a period of three months from the first of January, 1909, to muster such recruits after they have been properly elected, by going to their homes and either in person or by detail muster the recruit by administering the obligation only.

Report of such action with names of recruit and date of muster, will be made to the Assistant Adjutant General.

By command of

C. E. FOOTE,

Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,

Office of Department Patriotic Instructor,
Flint, Feb. 23, 1909.

Post Patriotic Instructor:

Comrade: Answering the many inquiries I have received regarding the duties of Post Patriotic Instructor, will say: As I see the work before us, it is this: We have but a few years to do a work that should have been commenced 20 years ago. Many of us have grown old very fast in the past few years and have forgotten so much of our war record that should have been given to the rising generation long ago. We now find them so anxious to hear from the lips of those that were there. Comrades, did you ever think how little history our children are getting of that terrible war from '61 to '65? Look school history over and then compare with your own record and you will find many stories to tell which never have been told, not only to our school children but to others. In my opinion as Department Patriotic Instructor, we should get in close touch with our several schools, and in so doing we shall not only teach patriotism, but leave a history with the children that will be told to their children and grand children when all have answered the last roll call. Try giving receptions to schools with teachers and officers, with a good lively program, hardtack and coffee. Every Post and Corps should present at least one flag to some school each year, which will

be kept as a relic of patriotism from both orders, and be remembered when both shall have ceased to exist.

Post Patriotic Instructors are requested to answer the questions on the enclosed blank, sending in their reply not later than May 1st, so as to enable the Department Patriotic Instructor to embody the same in his report to the Department in June.

Comrades, will you please do this, so that our work may have a proper and prominent place in the Department reports?

Yours in F. C. & L.,

M. C. BARNEY,
Department Patriotic Instructor.

ACT NO. 252, PUBLIC ACTS 1909.

AN ACT to provide for the burial of the bodies of certain honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines, or the wives or widows of said soldiers, sailors or marines, or army nurses, in this State, who shall hereafter die without leaving means sufficient to defray funeral expenses, and to repeal act number thirty-nine of the public acts of nineteen hundred five.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the board of supervisors of each county in this State to appoint in each township and ward, in their respective counties, a suitable person, other than those designated for the care of paupers and the care of criminals, whose duty it shall be in his township or ward, to look after and cause to be interred in a decent and respectable manner in any cemetery or burial ground within this State, other than those used exclusively for the burial of the pauper dead, at an expense not to exceed fifty-five dollars, the body of any honorably discharged Union soldier, sailor or marine having served in the army or navy of the United States, during the Civil War or the late war with Spain, or the wives or widows of such soldiers, sailors or marines, or any army nurse who was employed as a nurse by authority which is recognized by the war department, and who rendered actual service as a nurse in attendance upon the sick or wounded in any regimental post, camp or general hospital of the armies of the United States for a period of six months or more, and who was honorably relieved from such service, who shall hereafter die not having means sufficient to defray the necessary funeral expenses. Such person so appointed shall serve without compensation, and shall hold his appointment so long as he serves to the satisfaction of the board of supervisors; and whenever any vacancy occurs from any cause, it shall be the duty of the board of supervisors to fill such vacancy by the appointment of another suitable person.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the person so appointed, as provided in the foregoing section, before he assumes the charge and expense of any such burial, to first satisfy himself by a careful inquiry into and examination of all the circumstances in the case that the family of such deceased soldier, sailor or marine, or the wife or widow of any soldier, sailor or marine, or army nurse, as aforesaid, if he or she had any at the time of his or her decease, residing in such township or ward, is unable for want of means, to defray the expenses of such funeral or burial, whereupon, if he finds such inability to exist, he shall cause such deceased soldier, sailor or marine, or the deceased wife or widow of such soldier, sailor or marine, or such army nurse, to be buried as provided in section one of this act, and he shall also immediately report his action to the clerk of the board of super-

visors of the county, setting forth all the facts, and that he found the family of such deceased person, if he or she had any, in indigent circumstances and unable to pay the expenses of such funeral or burial, together with the name, rank and command to which such soldier, sailor or marine belonged, and in case of such wife or widow, the rank and command to which her husband or deceased husband belonged, the name and service rendered as such army nurse, the date of his or her death, place where buried and his or her occupation while living; also, an accurately itemized statement of the expenses incurred by reason of such burial.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the clerk of the board of supervisors upon receiving the report and statement of expense provided for in section two of this act, to transcribe in a book kept for that purpose all the facts contained in said report respecting such deceased soldier, sailor or marine or the deceased wife or widow of the same, or such deceased army nurse.

It shall also be the duty of said clerk, upon the death and burial of any such soldier, sailor, or marine to make application to the proper authorities under the government of the United States for a suitable headstone, as is now or may hereafter be provided by act of Congress, and to cause the same to be placed at the head of such deceased soldier's, sailor's, or marine's grave. And also, to cause a suitable headstone to be placed at the head of the deceased wife or widow of such soldier, sailor or marine, or any army nurse, if the same shall now or hereafter be provided by act of congress.

SEC. 4. All expenses incurred in such burial as provided in this act, shall be audited and paid by the board of supervisors or board of county auditors, the same as other legal charges against the county.

SEC. 5. Act number thirty-nine of the public acts of nineteen hundred five is hereby repealed.

Approved June 2, 1909.

AMENDMENT TO TAX LAWS, ACT NO. 399, PUBLIC ACTS 1901.

Subdivision 11 of Section 7, which exempts under certain conditions real estate used as a homestead and owned by any soldier, sailor or their widows of the Civil War, is as follows:

Eleventh. All real estate used as a homestead not exceeding in value one thousand two hundred dollars of any soldier or sailor of the federal government who served three months or more during the civil war, and in all real estate as a homestead not exceeding in value one thousand two hundred dollars of any widow of such soldier or sailor: Provided, That any soldier or sailor, or the widow of any such sailor or soldier desiring to accept the benefits named in this section as to the exemption from taxation, shall make and file with the supervisor or assessing officer an affidavit, stating under oath that he was a soldier or sailor of the federal government during the civil war for a period of not less than three months, and in case it be the widow of a soldier or sailor mak-

ing such application, said affidavit must state that she is the widow of a soldier or sailor of the federal government at the present time, who served not less than three months as such soldier or sailor during the civil war. The said affidavit shall be sworn to before said supervisor, assessing officer, or any officer authorized to administer oaths and then filed by the said officer in his office, and turned over to his successor, where the same shall be open to inspection. Any person making a false affidavit in any particular, for the purpose of exemption from taxation shall be deemed to be guilty of the crime of perjury, and punished accordingly: Provided, however, That this exemption shall not operate to relieve from the payment of taxes any of the persons hereinbefore enumerated who are the owners of taxable property of greater value than twelve hundred dollars.

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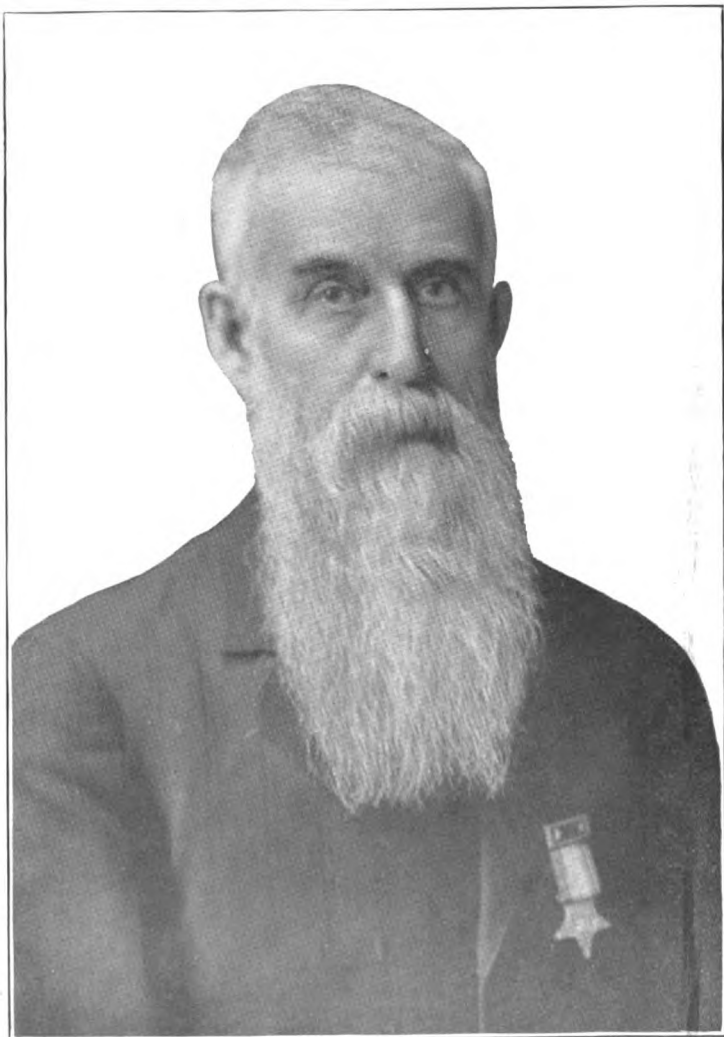
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JAMES M. GREENFIELD
Department Commander.

ALTERNATES.

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Carl Engle.....	Post 17, Detroit
Geo. W. Hurd.....	Post 10, Dundee
Aaron Miller.....	Post 79, Kalamazoo
Henry Spaulding.....	Post 20, Hartford
Steve Mallery.....	Post 382, Lake Odessa
Geo. W. Stone.....	Post 42, Lansing
A. J. West.....	Post 98, Port Huron
Geo. J. Dart.....	Post 402, Akron
Geo. W. Wheeler.....	Post 461, Boone
William Barrett.....	Post 278, West Bay City
John Scott.....	Post 8, Ishpeming
A. L. Bryant.....	Post 255, Mayville
J. O. Probasco.....	Post 100, Muir
D. C. Spears.....	Post 10, Azalia
Hope Welch.....	Post 45, Adrian
J. S. Wild.....	Post 17, Detroit
H. A. Chapin.....	Post 31, Paw Paw
J. H. Stevens.....	Post 32, Battle Creek
L. J. Merchant.....	Post 14, Benton Harbor

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, G. A. R.

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

The Thirty-second Annual Encampment held in the city of Holland, Mich., June 21-23, 1910, is now a memory; it was a most enjoyable event, nothing was lacking, the spirit of hospitality shown to the visiting comrades by citizens of Holland, was of that open hearted and free manner as to make everyone feel at home, notwithstanding the lack of hotel accommodations, ample room was provided for all, in fact it looked as though every housekeeper was keeping open house, and the proverbial hospitality of the ancestors of the people of Holland was fully demonstrated by their descendants in the city of Holland. Too much cannot be said in their praise. To the Mayor Hon. Henry Buss, the members of the Executive Committee, Otto P. Kramer, Chas. A. Floyd, B. Van Raalte, Jr., and Henry Groulins, who in their several capacities as chairmen of the several committees were untiring in their efforts to make the encampment a success. Wm. Baumgartel, the secretary of the Executive Committee, found no duty too exacting and as secretary of the Executive Committee rendered the Department as well as the committee, most valuable service.

The city was profusely decorated, we do not call to mind a city where our encampments have been held where the decorations were displayed with so lavish abundance. The loyal citizens of Holland promised a reception as great as that accorded to the G. A. R. at Kalamazoo the year before and their promises were fully kept.

The visit of Commander-in-Chief Samuel R. Van Sant, was necessarily made on the opening day of the encampment. He was accorded a most enthusiastic reception and in the afternoon delivered a stirring patriotic address to a very large gathering in the public park, as he could not remain for the camp-fire in the evening.

The camp-fire on Tuesday evening was under the auspices of the Woman's Relief Corps and was especially for the school children. The Department of the W. R. C. presented the high school with a beautiful silk flag. The exercises being interspersed with speeches and songs and was a most interesting event.

The general camp-fire on Wednesday evening was presided over by Hon. P. H. McBride, the large hall was filled to its capacity, Senator Wm. Alden Smith being the principal speaker. The singing of patriotic songs by the male quartet was a most pleasing event of the evening entertainment.

PARADE.

The parade on Wednesday afternoon was a great affair in every feature, notwithstanding the extreme heat of the day. The number of comrades in line was exceptionally large. The Grand Army being escorted by a troop of cavalry and Governor Warner and staff. One very interesting feature was the "Dutch Guard" a company of young women dressed in the old Dutch style with wooden shoes. They gave an exhibition drill that was most pleasing. A float with the Goddess of Liberty, escorted by a large company of school children, each one carrying a small flag made a very pretty and inspiring picture.

It is impossible to portray each particular feature of the parade, but it does seem that we should mention the superb appearance of Post 395 of Grand Rapids. They were preceded by a magnificent band of thirty-five pieces—every comrade in the ranks was in uniform, which added greatly to their soldierly appearance.

The regular business meetings following closed a most successful encampment.

ROLL OF THE THIRTY-SECOND ENCAMPMENT.

Comrades whose names are preceded by an asterisk thus () were present.

Department Commander.....	*James M. Greenfield, Flushing
Senior Vice Department Commander.....	*Henry P. Shutt, Kalamazoo
Junior Vice Department Commander.....	*Albert Dunham, Jackson
Medical Director.....	John C. Salmon, Howard City
Department Chaplain.....	*Rev. Wm. Putnam, Lansing

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

*Henry A. Clute.....	Post 166, Marshall
O. Tomlinson.....	Post 269, Plainwell
*Geo. Raab.....	Post 145, Flint
*M. D. Richardson.....	Post 365, Lake City
*D. C. Spears.....	Post 10, Dundee

STAFF OFFICERS.

Assistant Adjutant General.....	*Fayette Wyckoff, Lansing
Assistant Quartermaster General.....	*Wm. B. Bostock, Grand Rapids
Judge Advocate.....	*Samuel W. Burroughs, Detroit
Chief Mustering Officer.....	D. K. Halsey, Saginaw
Patriotic Instructor.....	*M. C. Barney, Flint
Department Inspector.....	*Chas. Hamilton, Bronson
Chief of Staff.....	*L. H. Ives, Mason
Senior Aide.....	*John W. Burns, Port Huron

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

*C. V. R. Pond.....	Lansing
*Byron R. Pierce.....	Grand Rapids
*Oscar A. Janes.....	Detroit
*John Northwood.....	New Lathrop
Washington Gardner.....	Albion
Michael Brown.....	Big Rapids
Henry M. Duffield.....	Detroit
*Henry S. Dean.....	Ann Arbor
*Jos. B. Griswold.....	Grand Rapids
*James H. Kidd.....	Ionia
*Louis Kanitz.....	Muskegon
*Russel R. Pealer.....	Three Rivers
Ethel M. Allen.....	Portland
*James Van Kleeck.....	Bay City
Edward C. Anthony.....	Negaunee
*E. C. Cannon.....	Evart

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

H. M. Bigelow.....	Montague, 1878-9
	No record 1880
	No record 1881
G. R. Wright.....	Benton Harbor, 1882-3
M. A. Merrifield, (Deceased).....	Union City, 1884
Geo. L. Fisher.....	Fowlerville, 1885
S. A. Hosmer.....	Lansing, 1886
W. W. Cook.....	Leslie, 1887
True Hart.....	Midland, 1888
Wm. H. Russell.....	Clio, 1889
E. L. Negus.....	Chelsea, 1890
C. L. Brundage, (Deceased).....	Muskegon, 1891
Jas. A. Crozer.....	Menominee, 1892
L. M. Ward.....	Benton Harbor, 1893
Herman C. Frieske.....	Owosso, 1894
Lucian W. Lyon.....	Saginaw, 1896
L. W. Sprague.....	Greenville, 1897
Moses F. Carlton.....	Port Huron, 1898
J. C. Bontecou, (Deceased).....	Petoskey, 1900
Theo. C. Putnam.....	Grand Rapids, 1901
M. C. Barney.....	Flint, 1902
L. D. Van Kleeck.....	Pontiac, 1903
S. A. Aldrich.....	Muskegon, 1904
John J. Cornwill.....	Battle Creek, 1905
M. D. Morgan.....	Traverse City, 1906
Riley L. Jones.....	Saginaw, 1907
Edward B. Nugent.....	Bay City, 1908
*Jay J. Drake.....	St. Joseph, 1909
Henry P. Shutt.....	Kalamazoo, 1910

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

S. B. Kitchell.....	Coldwater, 1878
W. A. Palmer.....	Grand Rapids, 1879
	No record, 1880
Dallas Johnson.....	Montague, 1881
O. A. Janes.....	Hillsdale, 1882
J. M. Keller.....	Saginaw, 1883
M. H. Bumphrey.....	Three Rivers, 1884
H. F. Higgins.....	Petoskey, 1885
Thos. H. Williams.....	Jackson, 1887
*Geo. W. Stone.....	Harrison, 1889
*William Jibb.....	Adrian, 1890
Wm. H. Marston.....	Grand Rapids, 1891
Thomas M. Wiley.....	Owosso, 1892
E. C. Anthony.....	Negaunee, 1893
James M. Greenfield.....	Flushing, 1894
Oscar Palmer.....	Grayling, 1895
Jas. O. Bellaire.....	Grand Rapids, 1896
Ren Barker.....	Reed City, 1897
*D. C. Spears.....	Azalia, 1898
S. H. Mallery.....	Lake Odessa, 1900
*Sam. J. Lawrance.....	Wyandotte, 1901
M. D. Richardson.....	Lake City, 1903
*Dan J. Willson.....	Jackson, 1905
S. M. Kent.....	Grand Rapids, 1906
O. Palmer.....	Grayling, 1907
*Henry Spaulding.....	Hartford, 1908
*Geo. W. Wheeler.....	Boon, 1909
*Albert Dunham.....	Jackson, 1910

MEMBERS OF THIRTY-SECOND ENCAMPMENT—Continued.

Comrades whose names are preceded by an asterisk thus () were present.

JOHN A. LOGAN POST NO. 1, SOLDIERS' HOME.

Chartered December 9, 1887.

Membership 34.

*Commander, Elnathan George.

Delegate.

John S. Alden.

Alternate.

Oclan Jarvis.

Past Commanders.

*O. W. Hodges.

Elnathan George.

*Roda O'Mara.

James Wood.

C. O. LOOMIS POST NO. 2, QUINCY.

Chartered January 22, 1876.

Membership 60.

Commander, Chas. F. Potter.

Delegate.

*C. W. Lake.

Alternate.

K. B. Etheridge.

Past Commanders.

Wm. G. Whitney.

A. J. Warner.

E. T. Hoyt.

O. D. Curtis.

K. B. Etheridge.

L. D. Reynolds.

*C. V. R. Pond.

E. C. Chase.

A. F. Turpening.

D. H. Wood.

Wm. H. Thurber.

Wm. Wimer.

Chas. F. Potter.

N. H. FERRY POST NO. 3, WHITEHALL.

Chartered May 27, 1877.

Membership 34.

*Commander, John C. Dean.

Delegate.

*Eli M. Ruggles

Alternate.

Henry M. Kenfield.

Past Commanders.

John C. Dean.

James Dellabaugh.

Frederick Norman.

Dallis Johnson.

Allen F. Casselman.

*Francis Hiscutt.

*Girard A. Whitbeck.

*Chas. H. Smith.

PHIL SHERIDAN POST NO. 4, READING.

Chartered June 12, 1878.

Membership 17.

Commander, H. H. Weaver.

Delegate.

Albert Arnold.

Alternate.

Wm. Sage.

Past Commanders.

R. D. Lane.

Zeladee Culver.

Gabriel See.

J. C. Newfang.

USTER POST NO. 5, GRAND RAPIDS.

Chartered September 27, 1878.

Membership 129.

*Commander, T. C. Putnam.

Delegates.

*Francis La Lone.

Alternates.

T. Uhlberg.

*Wm. Moerdyk.

Thos. Dixon.

*T. W. Valentine.

H. Schnabell.

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Past Commanders.

*Byron R. Pierce.
 *Wm. D. Frost.
 Chas. P. Coffin.
 *Jos. O. Bellaire.
 *W. B. Bostock.
 G. H. Chappel.
 J. S. A. Verdier.
 *Jos. B. Griswold.
 *E. P. Everett.
 Allen C. Adsit.

John Schmidt.
 *E. H. Cummings.
 G. B. Schwab.
 *Theo. C. Putnam.
 *Jas. R. Stephenson.
 Chas. S. Smith.
 L. C. Read.
 Thomas Peacock.
 *G. H. Sherman.
 E. B. Taylor.
 *Robert Finch.

C. J. DICKERSON POST NO. 6, HILLSDALE.

Chartered February 26, 1879.

Membership 55.

Commander, L. B. Wolcott.

Delegate.

*B. Dertlick.

Alternate.

L. E. Worden.

Past Commanders.

F. K. Proctor.
 Geo. E. Porter.
 D. F. Austin.
 J. M. Fink.
 W. M. Taylor.
 C. H. Fairbanks.

O. Hancock.
 Mark W. Taylor.
 O. C. Nash.
 A. F. Thomas.
 A. Riker.
 N. R. Masters.

PHIL KEARNEY POST NO. 7, MUSKEGON.

Chartered July 31, 1879.

Membership 103.

Commander, W. H. Ashley.

Delegates.

*Dennis Rafferty.
 *Porter P. Wisner.

Alternates.

A. H. Eckerman.
 B. H. Krebs.

Past Commanders.

*William R. Jones.
 John Sturgeon.
 Wm. Reynolds.
 *William F. Wiselogel.
 Chas. B. Mann.
 James Dean.
 S. A. Aldrich.
 Chas. Miller.
 C. P. Rose.
 John R. Bennett.

*Howard C. Bond.
 Henry G. Bigelow.
 *Louis Kanitz.
 John W. Eddy.
 *John G. Allport.
 E. P. Watson.
 *August Flint.
 Horace Lovejoy.
 J. W. Sprague.

CHAS. H. TOWNE POST NO. 8, ISHPEMING.

Chartered September 17, 1889.

Membership 20.

Commander, John Scott.

Delegate.

James B. Wilbur.

Alternate.

Thos. D. Nelson.

Past Commanders.

O. B. Robinson.

Francis V. Sauer.

JOHN A. DIX POST NO. 9, HESPERIA.

Chartered September 12, 1879.

Membership 29.

Commander, C. R. Reynolds.

Delegate.

*A. L. Cobb.

Alternate.

H. Smith.

Past Commanders.

Chas. Robbins.
A. H. Deitz.
Chas. Wilber.
*A. S. Muliken.
*W. I. Bulson.

W. H. Potter.
C. R. Reynolds.
H. E. Waterman.
Wm. Gilbert.

WILLIAM BELL POST NO. 10, DUNDEE.

Chartered October 16, 1879.

Membership 66.

Commander, L. B. Smith.

Delegate.

A. T. Hecock.

Alternate.

*Truman Gee.

Past Commanders.

*D. C. Spears.
*R. B. Davis.
N. J. Carney.
H. T. Roach.
Geo. W. Hurd.
Horace Pulver.
James Knowles.

J. R. Dickinson.
Joseph S. Hilton.
M. V. Fox.
Stephen Rawson.
Chas. M. Duston.
F. H. Miller.

ROBERT'S POST NO. 11, BANCROFT.

Chartered March 16, 1880.

Membership 18.

Commander, F. Gorton.

Delegate.

Geo. Pearsol.

Alternate.

*Seth Clark.

Past Commanders.

W. W. Hunt.
H. H. Williams.
J. H. Lyman.
P. Pelton.
T. Hemminway.

J. A. Parker.
H. P. Wimble.
C. F. Cole.
E. J. Ewing.
G. H. Fellows.

EYDEE POST NO. 12, DEERFIELD.

Chartered April 9, 1880.

Membership 30.

Commander, R. Tappin.

Delegate.

Royal F. Frayer.

Alternate.

Thomas Petty.

Past Commanders.

Byron Stanbry.
N. A. McQuarie.
Morrice Long.
Richard Tappan.

William Rusling.
M. H. Kellogg.
S. T. McNair.
E. E. Burnham.

I. B. RICHARDSON POST NO. 13, HARBOR SPRINGS.

Chartered May 11, 1880.

Membership 32.

Commander, E. D. Babcock.

Delegate.

*Nicholas Therry.

Alternate.

John Pulver.

Past Commanders.

Charles E. Judd.
Geo. W. Dickinson.
Geo. O. Richardson.
Fred F. Main.
Benj. F. Whitaker.
Eri D. Babcock.

Chas. C. Newkirk.
Lorenzo A. Clark.
Jos. N. Bradley.
Horace Eastman.
Chas. Tanner.

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

GEO. H. THOMAS POST NO. 14, BENTON HARBOR.

Chartered May 24, 1880.

Membership 85.

*Commander, A. H. Rowe.

Delegates.

*J. W. Norrington

*Chas. Godfrey.

Alternates.

Calvin Higbee.

Alex. C. M. Russell.

Past Commanders.

L. M. Ward.

L. Hemingway.

Henry Skelley.

*Chas. A. Warner.

*John Seel.

*A. H. Rowe.

W. F. Kimball.

*John Clark.

M. J. Vincent.

S. B. Kimball.

*Ira A. Rice.

PAP WILLIAMS POST NO. 15, LUDINGTON.

Chartered May 26, 1880.

Membership 43.

*Commander, C. G. Wing.

Delegate.

Theron Dewitt.

Alternate.

John E. Smith.

Past Commanders.

Wm. G. Hudson.

H. C. Ransom.

J. E. Smith.

Wm. H. Kimball.

F. J. Dowland.

A. C. Hawley.

G. M. Chase.

S. H. Gleason.

H. B. Smith.

R. P. Bishop.

*R. B. Patterson.

C. G. Wing.

SEDWICK POST NO. 16, EVART.

Chartered August 24, 1880.

Membership 34.

*Commander, Robert Covert.

Delegate.

*Geo. B. Johnson.

Alternate.

W. H. Vroman.

Past Commanders.

Orin Button.

*Ed. Cox.

G. W. Gardner.

W. A. Lewis.

*S. E. Skutt.

O. M. Bush.

*E. C. Cannon.

*Dan'l Farrington.

W. J. Manley.

A. A. Smith.

*Chas. Coppins.

*J. R. Foster.

*Jos. H. Powell.

D. E. Wait.

William Rogers.

FAIRBANKS POST NO. 17, DETROIT.

Chartered May 9, 1881.

Membership 310.

*Commander, Sam'l B. Dixon.

Delegates.

*Theo. Laing.

John Moody.

*Chas. A. Bartlett.

Thos. F. Payns.

A. S. McWilliams.

*W. Miles Stevens.

Alternates.

John G. Gaston.

Jos. Browning.

E. Muffat.

Henry Altfeltis.

Fred R. Bruner.

C. B. Andrews.

Past Commanders.

E. O. Durfee.
 W. P. Sumner.
 W. Hart.
 H. B. Eggman.
 A. V. Phister.
 *C. H. Radcliff.
 J. Gill.
 B. R. Finlayson.
 *T. Davey.
 W. C. Claxton.
 *D. S. Kimball.
 E. F. Lamb.
 L. J. Beers.
 D. G. Crotty.

*A. L. Sawyer.
 M. Green.
 *Carl Engle.
 J. Renton.
 J. Reid.
 *J. T. Spillane.
 J. A. Lane.
 *C. J. Pierce.
 *C. W. Yates.
 Edward E. Thayer.
 H. B. White.
 Ed. H. Hill.
 John L. Wild.

M'PHERSON POST NO. 18, TRAVERSE CITY.

Chartered May 21, 1881.

Membership 71.

*Commander, H. J. Curtis.

Delegate.

*Simon Williams.

Alternate.

Frank Colby.

Past Commanders.

*M. D. Morgan.
 C. S. Vader.
 D. G. Shorter.
 *F. D. Marvin.
 J. W. Hilliker.
 Levi Soule.

O. P. Carver.
 L. W. Lyon.
 Chas. H. Johnson.
 A. J. McHenry.
 Walter W. Dean.

A. LINCOLN POST NO. 19, BANGOR.

Chartered May 20, 1881.

Membership 55.

*Commander, J. G. Todd.

Delegate.

*W. L. Zook.

Alternate.

J. J. Penoyer.

Past Commanders.

*C. C. Phillips.
 Thomas Horton.
 *B. M. Merriman.
 J. G. Todd.
 Geo. S. Wilson.

O. A. Reynolds.
 A. M. Harrison.
 D. W. Hall.
 C. H. Schermerhorn.
 A. Pattee.

ELLSWORTH POST NO. 20, HARTFORD.

Chartered June 20, 1881.

Membership 30.

*Commander, John Carter.

Delegate.

Emile C. Rice.

Alternate.

James Weston.

Past Commanders.

*Henry Spaulding.
 Eber Hart.
 William Bennett.
 *Wm. N. Worth.
 *Jesse Thomas.
 H. L. Stratton.

Allen Olds.
 *Daniel Pool.
 John S. Heald.
 *W. A. Palmer.
 Chas. H. Mather.

A. W. CHAPMAN POST NO. 21, ST. JOSEPH.

Chartered July 18, 1881.

Membership 56.

*Commander, W. A. Preston.

Delegate.

James Morrow.

Alternate.

E. L. Cromer.

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Past Commanders.

*J. J. Drake.
 *Chas. Moulton.
 Frank Morlock.
 *J. E. L. Miller.
 *W. A. Preston.

*John Lane.
 *Albert S. Roe.
 Milo Clock.
 *L. J. Merchant.
 Aug. Morlock.

WILLIAM PERROTT POST NO. 22, BUCHANAN.

Chartered July 11, 1881.

Membership 24.

Commander, Chas. E. Sabin.

Delegate.

Marion Huff.

Alternate.

John E. Curtis.

Past Commanders.

M. B. Gardner.
 John W. Beistle.
 O. F. Richmond.
 Steve Scott.
 Theo. W. Thomas.
 H. A. Richardson.
 Wm. Powers.

W. P. Wood.
 *John E. Barmore.
 *I. N. Bachelor.
 John Graham.
 John C. Dick.
 *Chas. Snyder.

EDWIN COLWELL POST NO. 23, BLOOMINGDALE.

Chartered August 29, 1881.

Membership 14.

*Commander, James McDowell.

Delegate.

*J. E. Culver.

Alternate.

John Decker.

Past Commanders.

*James McDowell.
 Stephen Martin.
 *Frank Cooley.
 G. W. Lewis.

*J. N. Edwards.
 Geo. Wilson.
 J. T. Robinson.

COL. FENTON POST NO. 24, FENTON.

Chartered August 19, 1881.

Membership 51.

*Commander, Ira C. Ford.

Delegate.

E. A. Young.

Alternate.

Frank Potter.

Past Commanders.

L. V. Curry.
 V. C. Smith.
 J. M. Ripley.
 E. T. Winters.

William Butcher.
 *Chas. W. Sadden.
 S. K. Freeman.

DAVID BECKER POST NO. 25, OGDEN CENTER.

Chartered August 20, 1881.

Membership 36.

Commander, David Piper.

Delegate.

*G. W. Wilt.

Alternate.

L. C. Fry.

Past Commanders.

J. F. Wotring.
 G. W. Scott.
 *L. E. Fry.
 C. T. Cheney.
 Amos Wilt.
 C. L. Blake.
 J. M. Robb.
 Geo. W. Wilt.

Robt. Service.
 A. J. Hodges.
 *G. W. Hecker.
 William Emmons.
 *A. S. Beardsley.
 W. C. B. Smith.
 A. A. Barnes.
 J. W. Heckert.

JOE HOOKER POST NO. 26, HART.

Chartered August 16, 1881.

Membership 49.

*Commander, Jas. H. Slater.

Delegate.

D. P. Kelly.

Alternate.

Alex. Fletcher.

Past Commanders.

*J. A. Collier.
Casper Rechter.
H. A. Waldron.
J. H. Slater.
Wm. Flosy.
S. D. Young.
Jasper G. Price.

Geo. F. Dennison.
B. F. Archer.
W. J. McRae.
J. W. Montgomery.
P. Caster.
Alex. Fletcher.

BURNSIDE POST NO. 27, DECATUR.

Chartered September 19, 1881.

Membership 38.

Commander, Jeremiah Bowen.

Delegate.

*Geo. A. Steel.

Alternate.

O. M. Pritchard.

Past Commanders.

*G. W. Lusk.
W. H. White.
*R. Colbetzor.
*S. M. Rawson.

L. D. Roberts.
C. W. Willson.
*J. H. Van Camp.

A. L. CARVER POST NO. 28, HEMLOCK.

Chartered August 2, 1894.

Membership 17.

*Commander, Judd Bennett.

Delegate.

Alson Whitmore.

Alternate.

*Fred Ediken.

Past Commanders.

*T. M. Champlin.
Charles Burnham.
A. T. Cooper.

*Calvin Sylvester.
Judd Bennett.
J. D. Smith.

CHAMPLIN POST NO. 29, GRAND RAPIDS.

Chartered September 9, 1881.

Membership 29.

Commander, Wm. H. Stokes.

Delegate.

Geo. H. Stilson.

Alternate.

John Wheeler.

Past Commanders.

*Eber Rice.
Samuel White.
E. F. Covell.

Hiram Madden.
*Alvin D. Porter.
*Joseph G. Price.

GARFIELD POST NO 30, COLOMA.

Chartered October 10, 1881.

Membership 16.

*Commander, W. A. Baker.

Delegate.

*A. B. Stevie.

Alternate.

Geo. W. Garrett.

Past Commanders.

*W. A. Baker.
*L. Clark.
*A. Newton.
A. S. McCuen.

J. A. Brown.
Geo. W. Garrett.
Uriah Wood.

Chartered October 21, 1881.

Membership 52.

*Commander, W. R. Serrine.

Delegate.

*A. J. Roundy.

Alternate.

M. C. Wheaton.

Past Commanders.

*H. A. Chapin.
J. F. Bullard.
O. W. Rowland.
Ira W. Hulbert.
Barney O'Dell.
B. F. Heckert.

Daniel Spicer.
*John Reed.
J. C. Warner.
A. DeHaven.
W. R. Serrine.

FARRAGUT POST NO. 32, BATTLE CREEK.

Chartered November 31, 1881.

Membership 111.

*Commander, S. L. Cooper.

Delegates.

*J. H. Stephens.
A. S. Parker.

Alternates.

W. R. Burch.
Henry Lunt.

Past Commanders.

A. W. Alvord.
*A. Griswold.
*J. W. Taylor.
*Wm. A. Vickery.
J. G. Bohnett.
S. M. Holton.
Austin S. Parker.
J. J. Cornwell.
Wm. Dowsett.
C. J. Shoemaker.
John Easey.
E. W. Bordean.

R. M. Bellinger.
S. S. French.
G. M. Hodges.
A. B. Simpson.
R. J. Kelley.
W. R. Wickham.
*Chas. H. Browning.
*E. Cunningham.
H. B. Hayes.
*Geo. E. Wallace.
*Lewis Flint.

COL. MYRON BAKER POST NO. 33, MORENCI.

Chartered December 29, 1881.

Membership 34.

Commander, Loren W. Chapin.

Delegate.

John D. Hanna.

Alternate.

Jos. G. Rice.

Past Commanders.

V. Smith.
Fred Denson.
Oliver J. Converse.
Roswell R. Walker.

James N. Chappell.
Fred B. Sheffield.
Wm. Onweller.
Wm. H. Chappell.

W. G. EATON POST NO. 34, OTSEGO.

Chartered November 10, 1881.

Membership 28.

Commander, Oliver Wise.

Delegate.

John J. Bice.

Alternate.

H. J. Knowles.

Past Commanders.

John D. Kelley.
David Y. Cook.
Geo. W. Taylor.

Oliver Wise.
James Roff.

ZACH. CHANDLER POST NO. 35, SOUTH HAVEN.

Chartered November 30, 1881.

Membership 77.

*Commander, A. R. Hotchkiss.

*Delegates.**A. R. Carr.
*W. T. Piper.*Alternates.*A. Hannis.
S. Galbrath.*Past Commanders.**T. Biddle.
Herrick Hodges.
L. K. Jillson.
J. S. Donahue.
*W. S. Bradley.
H. W. Hillyard.
*A. W. Earle.
*G. L. Green.*J. S. Hicks.
Geo. O. Chapman.
*A. H. Cook.
H. J. Dodge.
*James Martin.
C. A. Butterfield.
Geo. W. Mathews.**GEORGE L. MEAD POST NO. 36, BERRIEN CENTER.**

Chartered December 29, 1881.

Membership 7.

Commander, B. H. Rutter.

Delegate.

*P. E. O'Brien.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*B. H. Rutter.
M. J. Nelson.
S. L. Snaveley.P. E. O'Brien.
J. K. P. McCullough.
J. H. Booth.**STANTON POST NO. 37, STANTON.**

Chartered November 30, 1881.

Membership 25.

*Commander, Chas. A. Nelson.

Delegate.

S. D. Huntley.

Alternate.

John Hall.

*Past Commanders.*H. H. Hinds.
J. A. Crocker.
T. M. Smith.
T. S. Finch.Edson Pickell.
H. V. Hallett.
John Lorson.
*Thos. Low.**SAGINAW POST NO. 38, SAGINAW.**

Chartered December 14, 1881.

Membership 86.

*Commander, Wm. J. Doxsee.

*Delegates.**F. C. Crowell.
*Cris Wasserman.*Alternates.*J. H. Cowell.
Alex. Smith.*Past Commanders.**W. G. Gage.
E. F. Guild.
H. Coleman.
*C. H. Peters.
*D. K. Halsey.
*James T. Hale.
T. T. Hubbard.
*Riley L. Jones.
Wm. H. Presser.
Robert Dederick.
D. W. Osborne.
E. B. Metcalf.*Hugh McLean.
Gordon T. Converse.
*M. E. Keller.
O. S. Bishop.
Chas. P. Colvin.
P. J. Sensabaugh.
C. F. Schuetler.
*Jos. Seeman.
B. A. Osborne.
Chas. Ziem.
Jos. W. Budd.

Chartered February 15, 1882.

Membership 28.

Commander, A. W. Haskins.

Delegate.

*Harrison Newton.

Alternate.

John Ferrell.

Past Commanders.

Rosco D. Dix.
D. G. W. Ganzler.
*J. Hallenbeck.
A. W. Haskins.

*W. H. Miller.
*S. E. Hadlock.
*Mendell Wells.

A. S. WILLIAMS POST NO. 40, CHARLOTTE.

Chartered February 8, 1882.

Membership 111.

*Commander, Fred G. Warren.

Delegates.

*Geo. Sattler.
*H. R. Prindle.

Alternates.

Daniel F. Vickery.
Isaac Bottomley.

Past Commanders.

D. B. Ainger.
Wm. Jordon.
Lewis A. Snell.
J. D. Butler.
*James Umbarger.
Albert T. Nye.

*S. W. Harmon.
*Joseph Shaw.
*Wm. M. Beekman.
*Thos. J. Snow.
G. B. Allen.

B. P. CARPENTER POST NO. 41, CHELSEA.

Chartered February 13, 1882.

Membership 35.

Commander, G. J. Crowell.

Delegate.

A. W. Chapman.

Alternate.

Fred Lehman.

Past Commanders.

T. E. Wood.
J. F. Harrington.
E. Gorman.
Rush Green.
J. F. Watrous.

*E. L. Negus.
L. Reilly.
A. Steger.
Wm. Jocum.
A. W. Morton.

CHAS. T. FOSTER POST NO. 42, LANSING.

Chartered February 2, 1882.

Membership 222

*Commander, John Oatley.

Delegates.

*Chas. T. Lord.
*Chas. T. Miller.
*Geo. Smalley.
M. F. Buck.

Alternates.

John A. Wardell.
Dan'l S. Mevis.
Uriah Lazelle.
Wm. P. Treadway.

Past Commanders.

Wm. L. Reed.
*Frederick Schneider.
Theo. E. Potter.
Edwin R. Havens.
Frank M. Howe.
*Wm. C. Nesen.
Addison S. Boyce.
W. P. Treadway.
I. N. Ashley.

*Allen S. Shattuck.
Wm. W. Cook.
Geo. J. Foster.
Seymour Foster.
*Geo. W. Stone.
*Lewis A. Miller.
*W. A. Bolter.
*Lester J. Kenney.

SCOTT POST NO. 43, BLISSFIELD.

Chartered February 16, 1882.

Membership 56.

Commander, N. T. Stoner.

Delegate.

David Lamley.

Alternate.

E. R. Welch.

Past Commanders.

John Rentz.
 Peter Fisher.
 Frank A. Sperry.
 Geo. F. Ford.
 *W. H. Colyer.
 H. H. Wilber.

Jas. K. Crane.
 Horace R. Wood.
 Wm. Ten Eyck.
 Edwin Youngs.
 N. T. Stoner.
 Byron Tripp.

ANSON SANFORD POST NO. 44, SANFORD.

Chartered September 23, 1889.

Membership 10.

Commander, John M. Howe.

Delegate.

Myron Howard.

Alternate.

Leonard Pawling.

Past Commanders.

John W. H. Brooks.
 H. G. Thorington.
 John W. Howe.

Leonard Pawling.
 John F. Briggs.

WOODBURY POST NO. 45, ADRIAN.

Chartered February 13, 1882.

Membership 129.

*Commander Oliver Beach.

Delegates.

*Francis Buck.
 Henry H. Howes.
 *Chas. G. Drake.

Alternates.

Geo. Durfee.
 Riley Butrick.
 James Vosburg.

Past Commanders.

Geo. R. Cochrane.
 Geo. W. Westerman.
 Samuel Patton.
 B. F. Graves.
 Fred J. Buck.
 Geo. Irwin.
 *Hope Welch.
 Clark W. Decker.
 *Oliver Beach.
 Jerome H. Fee.
 S. E. Graves.

D. B. Morgan.
 W. T. Bradley.
 Geo. Austin.
 John B. Allen.
 *Henry Mickley.
 *Wm. Jibb.
 *Sam. W. Hamilton.
 *Squire Johnson.
 Jared B. Bailey.
 Harry T. Roch.
 Peter A. N. Beck.

JACOB G. FOY POST NO. 46, GANGES.

Chartered

Membership 13.

*Commander, Geo. T. Clapp.

Delegate.

Chas. Corwin.

Alternate.

Wm. J. Bailey.

Past Commanders.

Wm. H. Dunn.
 *H. H. Goodrich.
 *Geo. T. Clapp.
 *S. W. Eddy.
 *Robt. Payne.
 E. J. King.

*Geo. G. Dean.
 *J. P. Eddy.
 W. H. Hess.
 W. C. Dow.
 C. W. Holmes.
 M. M. Bronson.

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

W. C. GILBERT POST NO. 47, DOWAGIAC.

Chartered March 11, 1882.

Membership 35.

Commander, J. R. Edwards.

Delegate.

Williss M. Farr.

Alternate.

Edward Henwood.

*Past Commanders.*Wm. H. Brown.
J. R. Edwards.T. J. Edwards.
John Bilderback.**EDWARD POMEROY POST NO. 48, JACKSON.**

Chartered March 9, 1882.

Membership 187.

*Commander, Thos. Moloney.

*Delegates.**Hiram Bailey.
G. H. Coleman.
*John Boyle.
Delos Ellis.*Alternates.*Levi S. Taylor.
Thos. Jones.
Theodore Butcher.
Lewis Pelton.*Past Commanders.*T. H. Williams.
A. D. Welling.
*O. F. Kaywood.
*Albert Dunham.
*M. S. Redfield.
*C. H. Haskin.
*Albert W. Martin.
J. L. Sample.*S. B. Davis.
*D. J. Willson.
*J. D. Jewell.
*Frank White.
Dewitt C. Faxon.
*Wm. H. Porter.
*Thos. Daniels.**WADSWORTH POST NO. 49, LAWRENCE.**

Chartered March 16, 1882.

Membership 25.

*Commander, Thos. C. Tyner.

Delegate.

Geo. W. Hillyard.

Alternate.

Thos. O. Sweet.

*Past Commanders.*Geo. A. Cross.
John Huff.
*Thomas C. Tyner.Charles Cook.
John W. Shoemaker.
Francis Branch.**JOHN T. REYNOLDS POST NO. 52, PENTWATER.**

Chartered November 18, 1887.

Membership 19.

*Commander, Geo. Horsman.

Delegate.

J. H. Beckwith.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.**T. O. Gardner.
*W. A. Clark.
*J. Beckwith.Martin Kniftile.
Geo. Tate.
L. A. Leffingwell.**PHIL M'KERNAN POST NO. 53, MASON.**

Chartered April 8, 1882.

Membership 34.

Commander, Sam'l. C. Parker.

Delegate.

Fred Hines.

Alternate.

Mead Worboy.

*Past Commanders.*T. M. Saraw.
Hugh Blakely.
*G. L. Barnaby.S. C. Parker.
H. C. Freeland.
W. J. Adams.

O. P. MORTON POST NO. 54, MANTON.

Chartered April 15, 1882.

Membership 15.

Commander, E. M. Bradborn.

*Delegate.**Past Commanders.**Alternate.*Xera Ellsworth.
D. B. Averill.
Edward Morgan.A. A. Clawson.
R. A. Cora.**CAPT. H. BARROWS POST NO. 55, ARMADA.**

Chartered June 4, 1895.

Membership 18.

Commander, H. G. Sperry.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

L. J. Compton.

Elias North.

*Past Commanders.*Peter B. Cade.
Homer G. Sperry.
Marion Bates.
L. J. Compton.
A. S. Hathaway.Amos Finch.
William Hamlin.
Wm. B. Hamilton.
E. F. Sibley.**O. J. BASSETT POST NO. 56, ALLEGAN.**

Chartered April 25, 1882.

Membership 70.

*Commander, N. W. Houser.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Henry L. Green.

Robert Foster.

*Past Commanders.**W. W. Warner.
*N. W. Houser
*Geo. W. Cady.
*J. W. Eley.
*John S. Curtis.
*W. H. Perry.Sam'l. F. Murphy.
*L. W. Belinger.
L. Y. Cady.
Geo. B. Myers.
M. A. Powell.
John W. Hurlburt.**THOMAS MANNING POST NO. 57, MARCELLUS.**

Chartered May 19, 1882.

Membership 69.

*Commander, H. M. Nottingham.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Bruce Lewis.

B. F. Adams.

*Past Commanders.*W. J. Kellogg.
J. B. Fortner.
Peter Shall.
*G. I. Nash.
Clarence Lamson.*W. R. Sinder.
H. M. Nottingham.
Ray T. Streeter.
Levi Dennis.
Frank T. Wolf.**A. COLVIN POST NO. 59, GOBLEVILLE.**

Chartered May 22, 1882.

Membership 26.

*Commander, R. Hill.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*J. C. Parsons.

Philemon Bush.

*Past Commanders.*L. S. Lee.
Phil Bush.
Bradley Randall.E. M. Brown.
Geo. Meyers.
M. J. Blakeman.

Chartered May 25, 1882.

Membership 40.

Commander, A. H. Laberteaux.

Delegate.

*Robert Lyon.

Alternate.

James McDaniels.

*Past Commanders.*L. S. Rice.
A. H. Laberteaux.
J. B. Scovel.W. D. Longyear.
R. C. Bishop.
A. A. Lumbard.**C. F. DOORE POST NO. 61, GAYLORD.**

Chartered May 19, 1882.

Membership 12.

Commander, N. L. Parmeter.

Delegate.

L. W. Lyons.

Alternate.

Wm. H. Smith.

*Past Commanders.*Wm. H. Smith.
Orson Higley.
Phillip Sparr.L. H. Lyon.
Benj. F. Ordway.**JEWELL POST NO. 62, CEDAR SPRINGS.**

Chartered June 3, 1882.

Membership 24.

*Commander, Miles Mulford.

Delegate.

Silas T. Church.

Alternate.

Sam'l. H. Smith.

*Past Commanders.*D. G. Dove.
L. Bearss.
J. T. Pomeroy.J. D. Jackson.
*Miles Mulford.**G. K. WARNER POST NO. 63, EAST TAWAS.**

Chartered June 20, 1882.

Membership 24.

Commander, F. E. Hayes.

Delegate.

H. Legacy.

Alternate.

F. W. Frasier.

*Past Commanders.*Theo. Hills.
B. F. Oakes.
F. E. Hayes.
Wardwell Chase.J. M. Walker.
S. C. Williams.
John Youngs.
C. F. Adams.**FRANK GRAVES POST NO. 64, NILES.**

Chartered June 19, 1882.

Membership 28.

Commander, Alexander Winborn.

Delegate.

H. C. Beswick.

Alternate.

A. E. Dodge.

*Past Commanders.***W. J. MAY POST NO. 65, JONES.**

Chartered July 24, 1882.

Membership 20.

Commander, S. P. King.

Delegate.

Chas. Carpenter.

Alternate.

Dan'l. Trottels.

Past Commanders.

Luther Kinney.
D. Trottels.
A. P. Beeman.
T. P. Ayers.

I. S. Pound.
H. H. Bowen.
N. G. Stanard.

STEVENS POST NO. 66, EAST JORDAN.

Chartered December 4, 1882.

Membership 25.

Commander, J. W. Rogers.

Delegate.

Wm. Harrington.

Alternate.

Aldrich Townsend.

Past Commanders.

*J. W. Rogers.
L. C. Madison.
Geo. J. Bowen.

J. H. Kocker.
Geo. W. Haner.

U. S. GRANT POST NO. 67, BAY CITY.

Chartered June 12, 1882.

Membership 83.

*Commander, Griff Lewis.

Delegates.

*Geo. Keeting.
H. W. Sims.

Alternates.

Robt. Splane.
Sam Catlin.

Past Commanders.

H. C. Green.
Frank Berdan.
*C. L. Collins.
Pat. Gibbons.
*James Van Kleeck.
J. P. Day.
August Meisel.

L. McHugh.
S. Wilhelm.
M. J. Borland.
O. F. Kellogg.
L. A. L. Gilbert.

SHIELDS POST NO. 68, SHELBY.

Chartered July 27, 1882.

Membership 34.

Commander, W. H. Barry.

Delegate.

*Geo. B. Getty.

Alternate.

J. J. Moore.

Past Commanders.

*Phil Penfield.
W. P. Shafer.
William H. Beamer.
Wm. H. Barry.
Jacob P. Hughson.
Augustus Fleming.
Dan'l J. Thurston.

F. A. Pitts.
G. W. Carroll.
J. D. Randall.
*Burr Pittinger.
A. H. Towne.
H. C. Morris.

DWIGHT MAY POST NO. 69, MIDLAND.

Chartered June 29, 1882.

Membership 36.

Commander, I. H. Richardson.

Delegate.

*Alfred Lee.

Alternate.

Calib Richardson.

Past Commanders.

J. W. Snell.
Geo. H. Richardson.
True Hart.
C. L. Jenney.

T. B. Main.
Wm. L. Stearns.
Henry D. Northway.
William Patterson.

ED. M. PRUTZMAN POST NO. 72, THREE RIVERS.

Chartered September 7, 1882.

Membership 57.

*Commander, J. DonWolfe.

Delegate.

A. W. Snyder.

Alternate.

Henry Kramb.

Past Commanders.

W. H. Bumphrey.

James Bouton.

*S. M. Snyder.

*Jeff. P. McKey.

W. C. Porter.

James L. Haines.

*Russell R. Pealer.

*A. A. Udell.

Bishop E. Andrews.

*Geo. A. B. Cooke.

A. B. STURGIS POST NO. 73, STURGIS.

Chartered September 1, 1882.

Membership 25.

Commander, P. H. Van Vlick.

Delegate.

D. W. Robinson.

Alternate.

H. E. Pierson.

Past Commanders.

E. S. Amedon.

J. H. Whitmer.

L. J. Twichell.

P. J. Rodes.

O. D. Russell.

E. B. Cooke.

P. H. Van Vleck.

H. L. Anthony.

E. Zeigler.

A. A. Wilber.

STERLING POST NO. 74, WAYLAND.

Chartered August 31, 1882.

Membership 19.

*Commander, Chas. B. Brown.

Delegate.

*John C. Jordon.

Alternate.

John H. Peck.

Past Commanders.

Peter Ross.

John H. Peck.

John W. Moore.

*Frank E. Pickett.

James M. Potts.

*C. B. Brown.

*Jerry H. Sargent.

Albert W. Nash.

*Varsol P. Fales.

Isaac N. Hoyt.

David Knowles.

WETHERWAX POST NO. 75, GRAND HAVEN.

Chartered September 13, 1882.

Membership 31.

*Commander, Chas. N. Dickinson.

Delegate.

John Streng.

Alternate.

O. J. Parker.

Past Commanders.

C. E. Soule.

*C. N. Dickinson.

G. A. Farr.

Miner J. Emlaw.

Edward Millman.

William Walters.

*Orson Vanderhoef.

Wm. Kefgen.

*Philander Palmer.

*Anthony Boet.

*H. C. Bement.

JOSEPH B. SMITH POST NO. 76, MONROE.

Chartered September 12, 1882.

Membership 46.

Commander, Adam Lahr.

Delegate.

*John Kemmerling.

Alternate.

J. Sorter.

Past Commanders.

Geo. Spaulding.
C. L. Peck.
H. E. Austin.
Burton Parker.
F. B. Nelson.

C. Gruner.
J. Callum.
Wm. Hagans.
Wm. F. Haight.

FRANK HICKS POST NO. 78, DANVILLE.

Chartered September 18, 1882.

Membership 22.

*Commander, A. L. Crossman.

Delegate.

C. H. Miller.

Alternate.

O. F. Brotherton.

Past Commanders.

Andrews Beers.
O. L. Lathrop.

C. F. Patrick.
A. L. Crossman.

ORGUTT POST NO. 79, KALAMAZOO.

Chartered September 20, 1882.

Membership 167.

*Commander, Eli Strong.

Delegates.

*D. C. Oaks.
Monroe Barney.
*R. P. James.

*Alternates.**Past Commanders.*

Geo. M. Buck.
Wm. F. Sherman.
J. D. Turner.
Freeman Hall.
F. P. Muhlenberg.
John Barker.
Enoch Shafer.
Jas. E. White
Aaron Miller.

*P. H. Burke.
Geo. F. Larned.
John D. Sumner.
*H. P. Shutt.
*E. S. Bissell.
*Chas. Prange.
*Geo. Clark.
Geo. W. Doane.
S. H. Laport.

HARLOW BRIGGS POST NO. 80, HOPKINS STATION.

Chartered September 25, 1882.

Membership 26.

Commander, Wm. W. Clark.

Delegate.

*J. W. Linsley.

Alternate.

W. H. Van Orman.

Past Commanders.

*John Hoffmaster.
*Geo. Ruehle.
John Bacon.
Wesley McBride.
Arnold Brockway.

Chas. Tiefenthal.
Fred Hodges.
Henry H. Smith.
J. G. Ellinger.
W. H. Miller.

COL. JEFFORDS POST NO. 82, NASHVILLE.

Chartered September 19, 1882.

Membership 26.

Commander, G. W. Perry.

Delegate.

T. C. Barnes.

Alternate.

S. B. Preston.

Past Commanders.

E. F. Evans.
Geo. Wellman.
E. D. Williams.
G. W. Perry

W. S. Hecox.
*R. C. Smith.
Wm. Boston.
A. R. Williams.

Chartered October 6, 1882.

Membership 45.

*Commander, O. W. Green.

Delegate.

Wm. Deary.

Alternate.

Amos J. Covey.

Past Commanders.

John Avery.
 *E. F. Graybill.
 *O. B. Green.
 *A. J. Cole.
 C. O. Jennison.
 O. J. Cary.

H. M. Caukin.
 L. W. Sprague.
 O. W. Green.
 A. H. Tibbitts.
 A. T. Bliss.
 *John W. French.

COL. BAKER POST NO. 84, KALKASKA.

Chartered October 9, 1882.

Membership 38.

Commander, W. R. Parker.

Delegate.

*Volney Brant.

Alternate.

Bradford Gregg.

Past Commanders.

James Harriott.
 James Greacen.
 Jas. M. Flagg.
 John Lewis.
 W. H. Bockes.

W. J. Wilson.
 *Chas. H. DePuy.
 James M. Steel.
 *John E. Rainbow.

CHAS. WOODRUFF POST NO. 85, THREE OAKS.

Chartered October 16, 1882.

Membership 21.

*Commander, F. F. Sovereign.

Delegate.

*Geo. L. Stevens.

Alternate.

Henry Shervis.

Past Commanders

Dwight Warren.
 Isaiah Rynerson.
 Joshua Chatterton.

Fred F. Sovereign.
 Wm. W. Smith.
 Chas. H. Davis.

GEN. LYON POST NO. 86, MANCERLONA.

Chartered October 10, 1882.

Membership 17.

Commander, James I. Ayers.

Delegate.

Eugene Olean.

Alternate.

D. S. Davis.

Past Commanders.

J. O. Lyons.
 J. W. Wallace.
 Davis S. Davis.

D. W. Lazell.
 H. C. Merdon.
 A. Symonds.

JOS. WILSON POST NO. 87, LOWELL.

Chartered October 16, 1882.

Membership 54.

*Commander, Jas. H. Godfrey.

Delegate.

*James McPherson.

Alternate.

A. M. Barnes.

Past Commanders.

*S. P. Hicks.

R. B. Boylean.

CORBIN POST NO. 88, UNION CITY.

Chartered October 17, 1882.

Membership 59.

Commander, John D. Parks.

Delegate.

Thos. C. Knapp.

Alternate.

Geo. F. Eberhard.

Past Commanders.

*L. L. Harsh.
M. F. Buell.
O. N. Dennison.
G. W. Blakewell.
*J. M. Wells.

D. E. Youngs.
C. M. Hall.
M. E. Blair.
Henry Seymour.

RANSOM POST NO. 89, FLUSHING.

Chartered October 18, 1882.

Membership 17.

*Commander, J. M. Caldwell.

Delegate.

Geo. W. Darling.

Alternate.

Spellman Loop.

Past Commanders.

*J. M. Greenfield.
*S. H. Thomas.
John Wheeler.
H. A. Miller.
*James Armstrong.

W. J. Ottaway.
*Cyrus Phelps.
Albert Crosby.
*J. M. Caldwell.
Chester Felton.

J. N. PENOYER POST NO. 90, SAGINAW, W. S.

Chartered November 14, 1882.

Membership 41.

Commander, John W. Foot.

Delegate.

*Adolph Tyfer.

Alternate.

John McArthur.

Past Commanders.

*O. F. Mosier.
Albert Trask.
N. S. Wood.
*C. A. Beelman.
Fred Wellington.
Henry Vance.
J. G. McMillan
J. H. Wellington.

J. F. Brand.
N. B. Kinsey.
J. P. Sherman.
G. R. Grout.
E. St. John.
H. S. Averill.
J. H. Leavenworth.
John Monroe.

WM. D. WILKINS POST NO. 91, ST. LOUIS.

Chartered October 25, 1882.

Membership 24

Commander, L. W. Beach.

Delegate.

E. J. Halliday.

Alternate.

*James B. Kelley.

Past Commanders.

A. B. Darragh.
L. W. Beach.
H. W. Forney.
C. H. Crandall.
Chas. Morrow.
Henry O. Totten.

*Henry Davison.
L. B. Longwell.
Willard Gray.
L. L. Cornell.
*H. E. Histed.

WALLACE POST NO. 95, FLAT ROCK.

Chartered December 9, 1882.

Membership 22.

Commander, Chas. Strewing.

Delegate.

John Hicks.

Alternate.

John Washer.

Past Commanders.

J. M. Van Riper.
S. F. Smith.
*Albert W. Wagar.
B. Parish.
E. Beach.
*F. M. Reid.

L. Firstle.
J. R. Brown.
*W. B. Littlefield.
C. Strewing.
Chas. Simpson.
F. Ferstel.

CARTER POST NO. 96, UNION.

Chartered December 21, 1882.

Membership 11.

Commander, C. C. Parker.

Delegate.

H. M. Fox.

Alternate.

Past Commanders.

H. F. Garman.

C. C. Parker.

JOHN J. BAGLEY POST NO. 97, HERSEY.

Chartered December 27 1882.

Membership 10.

Commander, Peter A. Hall.

Delegate.

Geo. I. Hale.

Alternate.

I. N. Owens.

Past Commanders.

Wm. B. C. Pitts.
Wm. D. Lovell.
B. F. Carey.

L. F. Corey.
P. A. Hall.

WILLIAM SANBORN POST NO. 98, PORT HURON.

Chartered December 30, 1882.

Membership 65.

*Commander, W. O. Lee.

Delegate.

*E. G. Spalding.

Alternate.

Simon Miller.

Past Commanders.

E. S. Post.
*L. A. Sherman.
*Geo. W. Howe.
W H. Brown.
*J. D. Kinney.
A. J. West.

*C. W. Higgins.
J. W. Burns.
G. B. Windover.
*A. H. Welsher.
Harvey Hyde.
Sam'l R. Van Sant.

M. W. DRESSER POST NO. 100, LYONS.

Chartered January 10, 1883.

Membership 24.

Commander, T. A. Steadman.

Delegate.

*J. O. Probasco.

Alternate.

A. S. Bunnell.

Past Commanders.

Ezra N. Thayer.
B. H. Stevens.
*Geo. W. Terry.

J. R. Dougherty.
Chas. W. Lung.
T. H. Steadman.

MOSES WISNER POST NO. 101, ITHACA.

Chartered January 13, 1883.

Membership 54.

Commander, Jonathan Gidley.

Delegate.

Gaylord Helms.

Alternate.

*Ambro Curtis.

Past Commanders.

N. G. Sutliff.
 *W. H. Beasley.
 Wm. L. Phillips.
 *E. B. Killee.
 Thomas Crofford.
 A. W. Russell.
 Perry D. Pettit.
 James Donaldson.

E. F. Doty.
 *J. B. Zarbough.
 G. W. Todd.
 Wm. Stahl.
 W. J. Clark.
 *K. P. Peet.
 A. J. Brown.

ELI P. ALEXANDER POST NO. 103, WILLIAMSTON.

Chartered January 16, 1883.

Membership 28.

Commander, C. E. Lockwood.

Delegate.

*Monroe Putnam.

Alternate.

Milo Vannetter.

Past Commanders.

Wm. L. Robson.
 H. M. Bigelow.
 Mathias Coad.
 E. H. Nichols.

R. Wiggins.
 Chas. E. West.
 Milo Vannetter.
 Leroy Satterlee.

GEO. A. WINANS POST NO. 104, OVID.

Chartered February 8, 1883.

Membership 29.

*Commander, John W. Mentor.

Delegate.

*G. B. Goodfellow.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

W. G. Hunter.
 John A. Hubbell.
 Luther Stone.
 A. H. Daughn.
 *S. B. Southworth.

Cyrus Sherman.
 Hiram W. Treat.
 *Chas. Cowan.
 N. B. Goodfellow, Post 255.
 L. C. Mead.

WORTH POST NO. 105, TEKONSHA.

Chartered February 15, 1883.

Membership 16.

Commander, Willard Whitney.

Delegate.

R. E. Eldrid.

Alternate.

John Murry.

Past Commanders.

Willard Whitney.
 William Gribbins.
 C. H. Miller.

Wm. H. Davis.
 Geo. Blashfield.

TIM LEWIS POST NO. 107, DIMONDALE.

Chartered March 17, 1883.

Membership 24

Commander, Andrew Pray.

Delegate.

Chas. H. Holcomb.

Alternate.

D. Marvin.

Past Commanders.

*Andrew Pray
 N. P. Bateman.
 John Spitler.
 Albert Shotwell.

Jas. A. Bell.
 *O. G. Andrews.
 John Van Osdall.
 E. O. Butler.

Chartered March 15, 1883.

Membership 52.

*Commander, John C. Clark.

Delegate.

*D. W. Dunshu.

Alternate.

L. W. Holmes.

Past Commanders.

J. S. Holmes.
W. D. Southworth.
H. L. Bigelow.
B. F. Sanborn.

J. D. Summers.
*N. W. Tracy.
D. G. Kennedy.
Henry Munn.

BUTTERWORTH POST NO. 109, COLDWATER.

Chartered March 9, 1883.

Membership 135.

Commander, L. S. Daniels.

Delegates.

A. T. Kinney.
E. N. Billings.
John O'Mara.

Alternates.

Ben Filkins.
*Jedediah Wilcox.
W. N. Conway.

Past Commanders.

N. A. Reynolds.
Geo. H. Turner.
*Henry Firth.
H. C. Simons.
L. A. Dillingham.
*Alfred Milnes.
B. K. Robbins.
Frank Eaton.

C. W. Bennett.
T. S. Osborn.
Chas. R. Thompson.
F. D. Newberry.
H. H. Benson.
B. F. Rolph.
Hezekiah Sweet.
E. E. Lewis.

DE GOLYER POST NO. 110, HUDSON.

Chartered March 12, 1883.

Membership 32.

*Commander, Mathew Burt.

Delegate.

Benj. E. Westfall.

Alternate.

*Geo. Swift.

Past Commanders.

R. A. Beach.
Fred Barkway.
Edwin Camp.
A. H. Boies.

J. K. Periman.
C. H. Eastman.
*Wm. Barnard.

J. B. BRAINARD POST NO. 111, EATON RAPIDS.

Chartered March 14, 1883.

Membership 134.

*Commander, C. B. Fowler.

Delegates.

*D. S. Milbourn.
N. J. DeBar.
*Amos Topliff.

Alternates.

Hiram Godfrey.
*V. M. Smith.
B. K. Crandall.

Past Commanders.

*Geo. W. Norton.
*H. B. Olmsted.
*W. D. Brainard.
*Eli Cook.
*Geo. Noble.
*Jasper Rolph.
*Roswell West.

*D. M. Beman.
*L. A. Fowler.
H. J. Milburn.
*Alonzo Cheney.
*C. B. Fowler.
*J. J. Holmes.
*N. J. De Bars.

JOHN CRYDERMAN POST NO. 112, MULLIKEN.

Chartered March 16, 1883.

Membership 13.

Commander, Pomeroy Canfield.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*W. W. Thompson.
L. H. Wilcox.

L. D. Fisher.

MILES POST NO. 113, ST. CLAIR.

Chartered March 15, 1883.

Membership 11.

Commander, David P. Ingles.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Archibald McKenzie.

Andrew Husel.

John Fink.

JOHN GILLULY POST NO. 114, FOWLERVILLE.

Chartered March 22, 1883.

Membership 43.

*Commander, W. M. Horton.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

*Marvin Benjamin.

George Converse.

Wm. M. Horton.
G. D. Hamilton.
Louis Cogley.
A. H. Smith.W. P. Stowe.
O. P. Showers.
C. E. Dunston.
Geo. L. Fisher.**ELLIOTT POST NO. 115, WHITE PIGEON.**

Chartered March 23, 1883.

Membership 14.

Commander, Daniel Saunter.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Cris Hoofnagle.

Martin Luther.
A. J. Rowinsky.

*C. Y. Gardner.

D. G. ROYCE POST NO. 117, BYRON.

Chartered March 22, 1883.

Membership 16.

*Commander, L. C. Kanouse.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Jos. Schweikert.

*Adison Lewis.

E. D. Welch.
H. L. Bishop.
*G. LaDue.
J. Goff.L. C. Kanouse.
Wm. Close.
*W. H. Borst.**H. H. NIMS POST NO. 118, LEXINGTON.**

Chartered March 31, 1883.

Membership 13.

Commander, M. J. Dowling

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Chartered August 11, 1883.

Membership 69.

Commander, Jos. B. Jordon.

Delegate.

*John J. Cook.

Alternate.

V. D. Keston.

Past Commanders.

Ora E. Clark.
V. A. Baker.
James Buckley.
Melvin Burch.
Horace Pardee.
A. F. Ruch.
T. S. Langridge.
Jos. A. C. Rowan.
Edwin A. Dunkon.

H. A. Crull.
Alex. Worden.
Thos. McCabe.
Thos. Keyes.
Edward N. Tracy.
Wilbur F. Lawton.
Levi B. Rogers.
Louis A. Labadie.
W. R. Montgomery.

JULIUS T. BARETT POST NO. 173, CARSON CITY.

Chartered August 22, 1883.

Membership 44.

Commander, C. W. Churchel.

Delegate.

Josh Osborn.

Alternate.

*W. J. McNutt.

Past Commanders.

C. H. Morse.
*Geo. W. Garner.
*L. M. Lyon.
H. M. Howell.
W. A. Sweet.
*Jas. F. Fillmore.
J. K. Ackley.

A. A. Richardson.
Alex. McCuaig.
A. J. Chambers.
Geo. R. Gibbs.
G. D. VanDusen.
D. M. Shelley.
Geo. Sanderson.

E. E. STILES POST NO. 174, HANCOCK.

Chartered August 30, 1883.

Membership 24.

Commander, Graham Pope.

Delegate.

W. H. Mason.

Alternate.

A. J. Scott.

Past Commanders.

A. J. Scott.
W. H. Mason.
Chas. Smith.

Arno Jachnig.
H. B. Rogers.

C. F. SMITH POST NO. 175, ESCANABA.

Chartered September 1, 1883.

Membership 11.

Commander, Emil Glaser.

Delegate.

*Hiram Wellman.

Alternate.

August Nehls.

Past Commanders.

A. H. Rolph.
Norman A. Eddy.
John Power.

Samuel Atkins.
Emil Glaser.

MONTCALM POST NO. 176, STANTON.

Chartered December 6, 1895.

Membership 17.

Commander, John C. Grooms.

Delegate.

*Thos. E. Dunn.

Alternate.

A. J. Rickard.

Past Commanders.

*James C. Percivil.	Geo. E. Barber.
E. D. Childs.	John Steele.
*Henry M. Hempstead.	John B. Cole.
Asa Morse.	Chas. W. Blumberg.
John C. Grooms.	

CHAS. S. TRAVERSE POST NO. 177, CAPAC.

Chartered August 17, 1883.

Membership 22

Commander, Ezra Frantz.

Delegate.

A. C. Fairbrother.

Alternate.

R. M. Curtiss.

Past Commanders.

A. C. Fairbrother.	Ezra S. Frantz.
R. C. McNaught.	Wm. C. Huggett.
Andrew Curry.	A. A. Smith.
Chester Williams.	B. I. Wade.
Fred Ross.	

TOM CUSTER POST NO. 178, SHERIDAN.

Chartered August 29, 1883.

Membership 12.

Commander, C. D. Harris.

Delegate.

*Sam'l Sage.

Alternate.

Alf. Mitchell

Past Commanders.

Samuel Sage.	C. D. Harris.
Daniel Fero.	A. J. Greenhoe.
Lorenzo Allen.	A. T. Willyard.
D. A. Pond.	

DEWITT C. RUSSELL POST NO. 179, BRIGHTON.

Chartered August 30, 1883.

Membership 21.

Commander, L. H. Westphale.

Delegate.

S. H. Smith.

Alternate.

J. W. Fulton.

Past Commanders.

Wm. W. Pentlin.	H. P. Martin.
Wm. Halleck.	Daniel Smith.
Mark Featherly.	G. J. Roetcke.
James Shanks.	

CARPENTER POST NO. 180, YPSILANTI.

Chartered August 30, 1883.

Membership 53.

Commander, Henry Niemann.

Delegate.

Jerome Allen.

Alternate.

*H. C. Rankin.

Past Commanders.

S. B. Merness.	J. H. Woodman.
J. F. Wise.	H. S. Boutell.
Jerome Allen.	A. D. L. Kinsley.
Eugene Holbrook.	J. C. Tuttle.
C. S. Barrett.	Frank Joslyn.
*H. C. Rankin.	O. P. Showers.
S. A. Ferguson.	Josiah Rynerson.
D. W. Shipman.	

HEBER LE FAVOUR POST NO. 181, MILFORD.

Chartered September 3, 1883.

Membership 71.

*Commander, Albert Manypenny.

Delegates.

N. B. Babcock.
Frank Eaton.

Alternates.

William Osborn.
Chas. Everts.

Past Commanders.

Walter Crawford.
O. D. Stephens.
John W. Stevens.
Willis L. Smith.
Alex. J. McCall.
Andrew Muir.
J. F. Beaumont.
H. S. White.

Geo. W. Sturdevant.
Joseph Allen.
Judson Fielden.
H. Walter Nichols.
Spencer D. Lee.
H. A. Rexford.
Samuel W. McCall.
James D. Rowe.

HENRY DOBSON POST NO. 182, FREMONT.

Chartered September 18, 1883.

Membership 48.

Commander, S. G. Allen.

Delegate.

S. P. O'Dell.

Alternate.

T. H. Smith.

Past Commanders.

C. I. Rathbone.
E. E. Giddings.
Daniel Squiers.
A. M. Phelps.

F. A. Bacon.
*S. G. Allen.
M. D. Cole.
F. M. Jackson.

J. B. McPHERSON POST NO. 183, HOLLY.

Chartered September 20, 1883.

Membership 13.

Commander, D. E. Hathaway.

Delegate.

William Highfield.

Alternate.

Jos. Halstead.

Past Commanders.

Silas Fletcher.
D. W. Thompson.
Frank Downey.

L. M. Newell.
Edwin J. Eisinberg.
D. E. Hathaway.

JOHN BROWN POST NO. 184, DETROIT.

Chartered September 24, 1883.

Membership 14.

Commander, Geo. W. Moore.

Delegate.

Benj. Williams.

Alternate.

Isaac Fielder.

Past Commanders.

Samuel Smith.

Isaac Fielder.

HACKETT POST NO. 185, BRONSON.

Chartered September 25, 1883.

Membership 47.

Commander, T. A. Eberhard.

Delegate.

Frederick P. Ellis.

Alternate.

Elisha Bailey.

Past Commanders.

*Charles Hamilton.
Henry Lilly.
David Gibbs.
*Geo. H. Bolton.
Roman L. Whipple.
John Taggart.

Frank E. Hadley.
James P. Allen.
Wells Knapp.
Lyman Carpenter.
Daniel Rich.
Robert Hurst.

FRANK POWELL POST NO. 187, OXFORD.

Chartered September 27, 1883.

Membership 31.

Commander, W. O. Davis.

Delegate.

Chas. B. Clark.

Alternate.

Thos. W. Morrison.

Past Commanders.

C. H. Crawford.
Gleason F. Perry.
L. L. Hoffman.

H. E. Nichols.
W. O. Davis.

GEO. C. WHITNEY POST NO. 188, HADLEY.

Chartered October 5, 1883.

Membership 17.

Commander, Lucius Sanborn.

Delegate.

Mortimer Trumbull.

Alternate.

Frank Bowles.

Past Commanders.

Geo. Thompson.
J. P. Suiter.
N. N. Green.

Geo. A. Cramton.
F. M. Goodale.
Lucius Sanborn.

WALLACE BROWN POST NO. 190, BIRCH RUN.

Chartered October 12, 1883.

Membership 13.

Commander, Wm. H. Ferguson.

Delegate.

*William L. Morse.

Alternate.

Austin Sheley.

Past Commanders.

W. H. Ferguson.
John Cook.
Wm. H. H. Douglas.
Milton Hadsal.

Victor B. Rottiers.
Richard M. Johnson.
John Irish.

O. J. FAST POST NO. 193, MENDON.

Chartered October 19, 1883.

Membership 20.

Commander, Geo. A. Stevens.

Delegate.

Peter Seas.

Alternate.

Robt. Millman.

Past Commanders.

*Henry Huff.
John C. Jones.
John Larkin.

States A. McCoy.
Geo. A. Stevens.
D. M. Eveland.

JAMES BRADLEY POST NO. 194, CLIO.

Chartered October 28, 1883.

Membership 33.

Commander, J. N. Sloan.

Delegate.

A. D. Rundlet.

Alternate.

Cyrus Pesigo.

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Past Commanders.

James L. Curry.
W. H. Sargent.
Chas. Wolson.

J. W. Buffinn.
Geo. Van Nest.
J. Lonsberry.

L. C. WOODMAN POST NO. 196, LAWTON.

Chartered October 28, 1883.

Membership 48.

*Commander, James Wool.

Delegate.

*James Clark.

Alternate.

Harvey Harper.

Past Commanders.

George Beldon.
*John Mahard.
Jerome Stone.
*James H. Hall.

Chas. D. Hooper.
Benj. Burlington.
Geo. Erwin.
Samuel Mahon.

JOHN TUCKER POST NO. 197, ORTONVILLE.

Chartered November 2, 1883.

Membership 19.

Commander, Wm. Moore.

Delegate.

*Frank Thayer.

Alternate.

Daniel Rohm.

Past Commanders.

Delos Adams.
J. R. Kipp.
W. O. Davis.

Wm. H. Moore.
F. M. Jones.
Thomas Nicholson.

JAMES STEDMAN POST NO. 198 REED CITY.

Chartered November 5, 1883.

Membership 20.

*Commander, Chas. A. Randall.

Delegate.

Aaron Bowman.

Alternate.

Wm. Miner.

Past Commanders.

Chas. Randall.
Daniel Donovan.
H. C. Stoddard.
Adolph Florida.

David Randall.
W. W. Corbett.
Charles B. Williams.
Jerry Mann.

PERRY BAKER POST NO. 200, CARLETON.

Chartered November 15, 1883.

Membership 25.

Commander, Geo. H. Post.

Delegate.

Fred Ballou.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

H. D. Smith.
W. C. Watson.
F. Ballou.

J. Fahnestock.
Walter Viles.
M. L. Baker.

McGINLEY POST NO. 201, MANISTEE.

Chartered December 6, 1883

Membership 28.

Commander, E. W. Muenschner.

Delegate.

*Thos. P. Steadman.

Alternate.

M. A. Hopper.

Past Commanders.

Geo. A. Hart.
Allen McKee.
J. L. Manseau.

Wm. F. Brain.
J. F. Albro.
E. W. Muensch.

ALBERT NYE POST NO. 202, ROMEO.

Chartered December 13, 1883.

Membership 20.

*Commander, Freeborn H. Price.

Delegate.

Robt. Austin.

Alternate.

M. Crawford.

Past Commanders.

Freeborn H. Price.
S. Vandecar.

George A. Hines.

G. H. EWING POST NO. 203, STOCKBRIDGE.

Chartered December 14, 1883.

Membership 24.

Commander, E. G. Pierce.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

E. B. Parks.
*A. G. Miller.
F. A. Stephens.

Lucius Bowdish.
W. H. Collins.

L. B. QUACKENBUSH POST NO. 205, OWOSHO.

Chartered December 21, 1883.

Membership 76.

*Commander, L. S. Bowles.

Delegates.

*J. W. Smith.
H. C. Everetts.

Alternates.

G. L. Osbon.
W. White.

Past Commanders.

*Chas. Freeman.
*Julius Frieske.
O. F. Webster.
Chas. L. Paris.
*M. C. Dawes.
Willard Knapp.
*W. R. Smith.

Robert Gray.
John Q. Adams.
*Thos. M. Wiley.
*Wm. Guipe.
S. W. Sadler.
*Duane C. Cooper.

MAJOR WEBER POST NO. 206, BELLAIRE.

Chartered December 21, 1883.

Membership 26.

Commander, C. S. Smith.

Delegate.

*John Bush.

Alternate.

Ransom Hollibert.

Past Commanders.

Henry W. Stewart.
Rosswell Leavitt.
*Wm. J. May.
James White.

James C. Abbott.
Elijah Baker.
F. W. Bechtold.

GEORGE A. CUSTER POST NO. 208, GALIEN.

Chartered December 28, 1883.

Membership 19.

*Commander, A. Goodenough.

Delegate.

*W. B. Crocker.

Alternate.

John Allen.

*Henry Keefer.	Wm. F. Swem.
Wm. H. Beach.	Geo. Roberts.
Alonzo Goodenough.	John Penwell.
B. F. Yaw.	Samuel Jackson.
Dan W. Swem.	

ELI ALVORD POST NO. 209, MONTGOMERY.

Chartered December 27, 1883.

Membership 20.

Commander, R. Kelso.

Delegate.

John Fast.

Alternate.

Ira Harns.

Past Commanders.

E. R. Fitzsimmons.

C. J. Reynolds.

C. W. Hall.

Robt. Kelso.

C. R. Dillon.

T. D. Butler.

H. Bigbey.

J. B. Frost.

E. H. HOLLINGSWORTH POST NO. 210, ALBION.

Chartered January 4, 1884.

Membership 60.

*Commander, Levi S. Warren.

Delegate.

*Chas. A. McGee.

Alternate.

R. H. McWethy.

Past Commanders.

O. G. Hubbard.

Wm. Hastings.

J. H. Perine.

F. E. Palmer.

C. F. Smith.

H. F. Gilbert.

O. S. Stevens.

Robt. R. Robinson.

W. M. Loder.

WM. H. BORDEN POST NO. 211, IONIA.

Chartered December 28, 1883.

Membership 88.

*Commander, J. L. Fowle.

Delegates.

Jacob Bessey.

Alternates.

E. J. Van Doren.

W. H. Amphlett.

*W. E. Normington.

Past Commanders.

J. H. Kidd.

H. C. Hilton.

*M. M. Currier.

J. L. Fowle.

O. H. Perry.

M. L. Pike.

C. A. Cornell.

F. S. Hutchinson.

A. H. Heath.

I. Buck.

JOS. B. MASON POST NO. 213, BELLEVUE.

Chartered January 4, 1884.

Membership 30.

Commander, Alex. McKinzie.

Delegate.

*Alfred Fruin.

Alternate.

John Mulvaney.

Past Commanders.

J. A. Burchard.

R. B. Bishop.

Alex. McKenzie.

Geo. P. Stevens.

G. F. Anson.

S. W. Gibson.

Wm. Hawley.

Geo. Ackley.

F. Hughes.

Geo. Wooley.

WM. RICHARDSON POST NO. 214, MILLINGTON.

Chartered January 4, 1884.

Membership 23.

*Commander, Elijah Howard.

Delegate.

Ephram Whitcomb.

Alternate.

Daniel Storms.

Past Commanders.

Samuel Atwood.
*Elijah Howard.
Irving Van Wagner.
*Wm. I. Markes.
John A. Case.
Edward Caine.
Ruben Wilber.

Wm. N. Storms.
Sheldon Webster.
Wm. J. Hains.
Isaac T. Damon.
F. W. Titsworth.
Asa M. Davis.
Ira A. Sprague.

JOSEPH SMITH POST NO. 215, FULTON.

Chartered January 12, 1884.

Membership 22.

Commander, Warren Mullen.

Delegate.

Jonithan Weaver.

Alternate.

Jacob Hampton.

Past Commanders.

U. C. Case.
Arthur Longman.
A. A. Holcomb.
J. N. Barker.
S. C. Rosenberry.

Warren Mullen.
O. M. Gates.
*H. H. Kindig.
L. U. Lyon.

H. D. TERRY POST NO. 216, MT. CLEMENS.

Chartered January 7, 1884.

Membership 32.

Commander, Nelson H. Miller.

Delegate.

Isaac Williams.

Alternate.

Jos. Boyer.

Past Commanders.

Judson S. Farrar.
Wm. Jenney.
Samuel Trew.
Rozell Widrig.
Louis A. Allor.
Joseph Immen.
J. F. Cotton.

Geo. W. Robertson.
James A. Price.
M. L. Skillman.
Edwin Tharrett.
August Steitzer.
Gilbert Leroix.

W. B. WELLS POST NO. 218, LUTHER.

Chartered January 8, 1884.

Membership 38.

Commander, Ernest Nicholson.

Delegate.

E. P. Willard.

Alternate.

E. P. Robbins

Past Commanders.

A. A. Miner.
G. Gundrum.
Jos. Brewer.
Chas. B. Streeter.
A. Ferris.

J. W. Nicholson.
N. R. Menold.
Wm. Judd.
Dulecene Sloughton.

HENRY BAXTER POST NO. 219, JONESVILLE.

Chartered January 10, 1884.

Membership 16.

Commander, Geo. W. Coffin.

Delegate.

Alternate.

S. J. Snook.
Dorr Darling.
Eli H. Reynolds.
M. Bliss.

Past Commanders.

Wm. Cooley.
G. W. Coffin.
H. J. Riggs.

BRADLEY POST NO. 221, HARRISON.

Chartered January 16, 1884.

Membership 14.

Commander, H. W. Hughes.

Delegate.

Dennis M. Doran.

Alternate.

Chas. H. Lewis.

Past Commanders.

Wm. E. Aldrich.
Andrew Murphy.
Samuel Pierce.

Arthur E. Doty.
Henry H. Bogue.
H. W. Hughes.

HENRY C. BEEBE POST NO. 223, RICHMOND.

Chartered February 7, 1884.

Membership 27.

Commander, John E. Davis.

Delegate.

Cyrus Hicks

Alternate.

Past Commanders.

A. M. Keeler.
James Quick.
Edwin J. Walton.
Dayton J. Lewis.

Alex. Van Brocklin.
S. H. Heath.
Geo. Shipman.
D. L. Rapelje.

BUDDOCK POST NO. 224, CHEBOYGAN.

Chartered February 8, 1884.

Membership 23.

Commander, Geo. P. Humphrey.

Delegate.

Alternate.

Past Commanders.

Geo. P. Humphrey.
John Baker.
Robt. Brahman.
Wm. N. Cross.

Geo. V. Brill.
E. A. Bouchard.
C. S. Ramsey.

GEO. MARTIN POST NO. 227, EAST PORT.

Chartered February 22, 1884.

Membership 26.

Commander, G. T. Bentley.

Delegate.

S. B. Anway.

Alternate.

G. O. Glazier.

Past Commanders.

J. S. Arnold.
John McPherson.
*O. W. Whitney.
H. H. Chamberlain.

C. Chamberlain.
G. T. Bentley.
J. O. McEwan.

FAIRCHILDS POST NO. 228, GRASS LAKE.

Chartered February 22, 1884.

Membership 25.

Commander, Thos. Durbin.

Delegate.

Anson Patchin.

Alternate.

A. M. Sova.

Past Commanders.

E. L. Cooper.
John Erwin.

Martin Hoofnagle.
John W. Ford.

HARVEY TUCKER POST NO. 229, MARINE CITY.

Chartered February 22, 1884.

Membership 14.

Commander, Alex. Stearns.

Delegate.

August Horn.

Alternate.

Chas. Barney.

Past Commanders.

John W. Ackley.
Wm. Baird.
Henry S. Manchester.

Geo. Horribusel.
Wm. Kiddle.
Alex. Stearns.

EDDY POST NO. 231, PLYMOUTH.

Chartered February 22, 1884.

Membership 10.

Commander, A. Pelham.

Delegate.

M. R. Weeks.

Alternate.

Walter Kenster.

Past Commanders.

MILO WARNER POST NO. 232, CASS CITY.

Chartered February 27, 1884.

Membership 15.

Commander, D. P. Deming.

Delegate.

Geo. S. Farrar.

Alternate.

J. M. Fenn.

Past Commanders.

OSCAR BARTLETT POST NO. 233, WALES.

Chartered February 4, 1884.

Membership 21.

Commander, Wm. Grunwell.

Delegate.

Orville Cowles.

Alternate.

A. L. Peck.

Past Commanders.

William Grunwell.
Elihu Ackerman.
Wm. Smith.
B. M. Jenne.
Jos. Nestle.

Henry Maurer.
H. C. Mudge.
Newell Bowen.
Wm. Baldock.

O. H. READ POST NO. 234, HUBBARDSTON.

Chartered March 4, 1884.

Membership 25.

Commander, J. A. Churchill.

Delegate.

Chas. L. Stuek.

Alternate.

*Henry Barrone.

Past Commanders.

Henry Grove
A. A. Moore.
E. C. Read.
J. A. Churchill.

H. W. Hitchcock.
*A. S. Harris.
H. W. Browne.

Chartered March 20, 1884.

Membership 22.

*Commander, John A. Newvill.

Delegate.

*Geo. W. Heaton.

Alternate.

Past Commanders.

John A. Newvill
John Jones.

F. M. Gates.
Wm. Mears.
Van R. Newville.

PETER A. WEBER POST NO. 237, ROCKFORD.

Chartered March 20, 1884.

Membership 19.

Commander, Chas. A. Jaqua.

Delegate.

Alternate.

Past Commanders.

E. C. Watkins.
Chas. A. Haner.
D. L. Reynolds.
John T. Gould.

*A. L. Picket.
*C. F. Sears.
*James Eadie.
*Wm. Bennett.

RANDALL POST NO. 238, COOPERSVILLE.

Chartered March 13, 1884.

Membership 15.

*Commander, E. L. Washburn.

Delegate.

Alternate.

*O. Noble.

Geo. Haas.

Past Commanders.

John Jackson.
John Cavney.
E. Jewell.

Eli Karney.
*Hiram Ames.

MARVIN POST NO. 240, GRAYLING.

Chartered March 20, 1884.

Membership 29.

*Commander, Wright Havens.

Delegate.

Alternate.

John F. Wilcox.

A. E. Newman.

Past Commanders.

O. Palmer.
*A. L. Pond.
A. C. Wilcox.
Adelbert Taylor.

Dell Smith.
W. S. Chalker.
Dan S. Waldron.

FRANK MASON POST NO. 242, ATHENS.

Chartered April 5, 1884.

Membership 18.

*Commander, Elias Foote.

Delegate.

Alternate.

Benj. F. Brownell.

Reuben Hart.

Past Commanders.

B. F. Taylor.
Herman T. Watkins.
Jas. E. Mason.
Joel Lee.

Jas. Oldacre.
Elias Foote.
James H. Paul.

JOSEPH MASON POST NO. 248, WACOUSTA.

Chartered April 25, 1884.

Membership 19.

Commander, Joel E. Parks.

Delegate.

H. Pleutter.

Alternate.

H. P. Loomis.

*Past Commanders.*Quincy L. Taylor.
Geo. W. Watson.
Alex. Dixon.Henry M. Burns.
Chas. F. Andrus.
Luther F. Conrad.**WA-BU-NO POST NO. 250, MT. PLEASANT.**

Chartered April 24, 1884.

Membership 70.

Commander, Samuel R. Morrison.

Delegate.

*Chas. P. Jeffords.

Alternate.

Lafayette Hall.

*Past Commanders.*John A. Harris.
*H. E. Duel.*Warner Churchill.
Samuel R. Morrison.**J. T. JONES POST NO. 252, HOWARD CITY.**

Chartered April 29, 1884.

Membership 43

*Commander, L. L. Church.

Delegate.

*J. H. Haskins.

Alternate.

F. A. Narwood.

*Past Commanders.*Geo. M. Doty.
C. Walling.
H. W. Perkins.O. J. Knapp.
J. A. Dockeway.
L. L. Church.**LONSON POST NO. 255, MAYVILLE.**

Chartered May 29, 1884.

Membership 25.

*Commander, Robt. Fox.

Delegate.

Wm. Kelch.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*A. B. Markham.
J. R. Perry.
F. C. Michael.
J. W. James.F. H. Kitchen.
*A. L. Bryant.
Wm. Graubner.
A. L. McMinch.**WM. M. FENTON POST NO. 258, ST. IGNACE.**

Chartered June 21, 1884.

Membership 17.

Commander, D. P. Bissell.

Delegate.

Frank S. Walker.

Alternate.

A. J. Gennell.

*Past Commanders.*Jesse Warren.
H. B. Cornell.
A. J. Gunnell.J. B. Tawlyn.
S. A. Snyder.
Frank S. Walker.**A. STEWART POST NO. 259, LITCHFIELD.**

Chartered June 24, 1884.

Membership 33.

Commander, Henry Smith.

Delegate.

William Dobson.

Alternate.

Alfonso Crandall.

Wm. Shepard.
Frank Barber.
Chas. P. White.
O. E. Chapman.

Past Commanders.

E. A. Shattuck.
Frank Barber.
L. H. Howard.

CORY POST NO. 261, WAYNE.

Chartered July 12, 1884.

Membership 30.

Commander, John Hill.

Delegate.

S. L. Howard.

Alternate

*Dan Huntley.

Past Commanders.

*F. Walden.
A. S. Hill.
Peter C. Bird.
Chas. Newkirk.
Frank Coleman.

S. R. Kingsley.
Robert Bird.
Joseph Smith.
*Curtis Brace.
*A. W. Thompson.

A. C. VAN RAALTE POST NO. 262, HOLLAND.

Chartered July 17, 1884.

Membership 30.

*Commander, John Zwemer.

Delegate.

Wm. Baumgartel.

Alternate.

M. Mulder.

Past Commanders.

*John Kramer.
*Benj. Van Raalte.
*P. H. McBride.

*Peter Wilms.
*A. J. Ward.
*G. W. Edgler.

GEN. HARKER POST NO. 263, VANDERBILT.

Chartered July 7, 1884.

Membership 18.

*Commander, J. G. Berry.

Delegate.

J. L. Hogdes.

Alternate.

Jos. Cough.

Past Commanders.

N. C. G. Ashley.
T. C. Woodin.
W. H. Claspill.
John G. Berry.

Wm. Karslake.
G. C. Crissey.
Francis Warner.
Martin J. Sehl.

JACKSON COREY POST NO. 264, WOLVERINE.

Chartered June, 1904.

Membership 11.

Commander, G. A. Stoddard.

Delegate.

A. W. Eck.

Alternate.

E. G. Beebe.

Past Commanders.

LYON POST NO. 266, MENOMINEE.

Chartered August 2, 1884.

Membership 23.

Commander, Norwood Bowers.

Delegate.

Ira Carley.

Alternate.

A. B. BeDell.

Past Commanders.

A. Whitehorn.
 Andrew Gram.
 A. B. Wells.
 A. W. Bill.
 N. Goodrich.

A. B. BeDell.
 J. C. Sherman.
 M. Durocher.
 Ira Carley.
 Alonzo Dunning.

MARK THOMPSON POST NO. 269, PLAINWELL.

Chartered August 6, 1884.

Membership 30.

Commander, O. Tomlinson.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Chas. Mason.
 Chas. Adams.
 W. D. Talbot.
 John H. Madden.

John B. Swan.
 H. S. Stratton.
 B. L. Kahler.
 Arthur Hazelwood.

F. A. BUHL POST NO. 270, ECOLESE.

Chartered February 27, 1890.

Membership 23.

*Commander, Jno. A. Burdeno.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

J. Teek.

Harvey B. Perkins.

Past Commanders.

Lewis Montry.
 John Todd.
 *Sylvester Hay.

Euphratus Ross.
 Justin R. Warner.
 Peter W. Reeves.

BOYS-IN-BLUE POST NO. 271, MECOSTA.

Chartered August 15, 1884.

Membership 17.

*Commander, Wm. Lowrie.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Joseph Linebaugh.
 F. J. Shaler.

J. B. Wilcox.
 William Lowrie.

LUCIUS TAYLOR POST NO. 274, MILAN.

Chartered September 1, 1884.

Membership 38.

Commander, James Johnson.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Lynn Barnes.

Nelson Taylor.

Past Commanders.

A. D. Jackson.
 John Steidler.
 Amos Wisdom.
 Wesley Robison.
 Chas. A. Heath.

James E. Johnson.
 D. Case.
 S. H. Evans.
 Herbert Taylor.
 John A. Jackson.
 James Delaforce.

LEWIS CLARK POST NO. 275, OLIVET.

Chartered September 8, 1884.

Membership 17.

*Commander, N. D. Lamphere.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*James H. Bosworth.

Isaiah Stump.

Past Commanders.

Geo. Galusha.
Lester B. Taggart.
S. K. May.
Wm. Rogers.
N. D. Lamphear.

James H. Bosworth.
Geo. W. Sweet.
Henry Ramalie.
M. H. Hance.
*Fred Ellis.

BRADFIELD POST NO. 276, ADA.

Chartered September 8, 1884.

Membership 16.

Commander, R. P. Harris.

Delegate.

S. H. LaBarge.

Alternate.

L. Densmore.

Past Commanders.

Chas. F. Holt.
Wm. Lawyer.
W. F. Dickerson.
David M. Winters.
Alfred Turner.

*John Hulbert.
William Grant.
*James H. Martin.
W. W. Thomas.

H. S. BURNETT POST NO. 278, WEST BAY CITY.

Chartered September 12, 1884.

Membership 16.

*Commander, Wm. Barrett.

Delegate.

Jessie Rosebush.

Alternate.

W. Perry.

Past Commanders.

W. I. Lee.
A. W. Dorland.
E. T. Carrington.

Geo. A. Allen.
H. Florence.

PERKINS POST NO. 279, SPRING LAKE.

Chartered September 16, 1884.

Membership 8.

*Commander, S. S. Rideout.

Delegate.

C. B. Brown.

Alternate.

Past Commanders.

*C. P. Brown.
*Geo. Volmer.
*E. J. Purim.

*M. F. Reed.
S. S. Rideout.
Martin Walsh.

AMOS E. STEELE POST NO. 280, NORTH MUSKEGON.

Chartered September 17, 1884.

Membership 15.

Commander, Samuel M. Croft.

Delegate.

Joseph Wixson.

Alternate.

*Francis M. Fowler.

Past Commanders.

Chas. E. Storrs.
*Joseph Avery.
B. L. Andrews.

Zoar H. Bates.
Geo. R. Kinsman.
Sam'l M. Croft.

MORGAN PARKER POST NO. 281, PETERSBURG.

Chartered October 18, 1884.

Membership 16.

Commander, Jos. H. Proctor.

Delegate.

Thurber Breningstoll.

Alternate.

Henry Vandercook.

Past Commanders.

H. J. Brenningstall. _____

Josiah M Elder.

SAMUEL W. GRINNELL POST NO. 283, SUNFIELD.

Chartered October 23, 1884.

Membership 23.

Commander, William Edwins.

Delegate.

F. O. Leonard.

Alternate.

Anzerine Leonard.

Past Commanders.

E. W. Taylor.
 Geo. Richards.
 B. Peabody.
 *Wm. Edwins.
 A. Kreamer.

I. A. Eldred.
 C. Richards.
 L. M. Peck.
 F. Linhart.
 R. J. York.

HENRY H. KNAPP POST NO. 284, DAVISON.

Chartered October 16, 1884.

Membership 22.

Commander, Wm. M. Knapp.

Delegate.

Konrad Gottermeyer.

Alternate.

John Harrison.

Past Commanders.

L. S. McAllister.
 Wm. M. Knapp.
 L. G. Adams.
 A. A. Elmore.
 B. F. Sanford.
 J. Cottrell.
 M. H. Hewitt.

J. Cooley.
 Alex. Campbell.
 C. B. Smith.
 S. A. Comstock.
 Wm. N. Monroe.
 John Reeser.

COL. STEWART POST NO. 285, TUSTIN.

Chartered October 28, 1884.

Membership 12.

Commander, J. W. Loomis.

Delegate.

W. E. Waldron.

Alternate.

D. Jaques.

Past Commanders.

R. H. Jones.
 John Stansell.

J. W. Loomis.

FRANK FOWLER POST NO. 286, FIFE LAKE.

Chartered October 28, 1884.

Membership 24.

Commander, Wm. Wills.

Delegate.

H. E. Davis.

Alternate.

W. E. Clark.

Past Commanders.

Geo. Hart.
 A. M. Wansey.
 Miles Bryant.
 D. McAley.

W. E. Clarke.
 Wm. Wells.
 H. E. Davis.

B. F. CHAPIN POST NO. 287, CHESHIRE.

Chartered November 9, 1884.

Membership 12.

*Commander, C. V. Nash.

Delegate.

*L. M. Webster.

Alternate.

E. Rodger.

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Past Commanders.

R. C. Harmon.

*W. G. Rowe.

*James H. Barkhead.

D. W. Hall.

G. W. Lewis.

C. V. Nash.

JOHN H. ANDREWS POST NO. 238, LACOTA.

Chartered March 3, 1890.

Membership 20.

*Commander, D. A. Beebe.

Delegate.

R. L. Combs.

Alternate.

E. B. Gillispie.

Past Commanders.

*L. Dalrymple.

D. A. Beebe.

*H. P. Gillespie.

Bently Cook.

*Geo. L. Bliss.

HENRY C. PRATT POST NO. 239, MACKINAC ISLAND.

Chartered December 2, 1884.

Membership 12.

*Commander, Benoni LaChance.

Delegate.

Geo. E. Rogers.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Wm. P. Preston.

Theodore Reiths.

Andrew Chapman.

Benoni LaChance.

P. McCormick.

John McWebster.

Patrick Kerrigan.

Geo. W. Marshall.

Gregory Lambert.

Edwin M. Coates.

Daniel B. Mills.

ANDREWS POST NO. 294, BIG RAPIDS.

Chartered January 15, 1885.

Membership 97.

*Commander, M. D. Ford.

Delegates.

*J. H. Kilbourn.

L. T. Loveless.

Alternates.

*J. H. Cunningham.

J. J. Everhart.

Past Commanders.

*D. E. Stearns.

Geo. M. Davidson.

Geo. G. Jenkins.

A. B. Knapp.

W. A. Northrup.

W. A. Whitney.

W. Miller.

F. O. Vandersluis.

Geo. M. Gotchell.

*E. C. Moore.

D. D. Shannon.

E. H. BRONSON POST NO. 295, GALESBURG.

Chartered February 7, 1885.

Membership 16.

*Commander, A. A. Russell.

Delegate.

*Andrew R. Allen.

Alternate.

J. C. Bevier.

Past Commanders.

*A. A. Russell.

A. E. Stafford.

R. B. Mason.

SIMON MALLISON POST NO. 298, PIERPORT.

Chartered March 7, 1885.

Membership 20.

Commander, Geo. Schafer.

Delegate.

Geo. L. Cole.

Alternate.

Leonard Reed.

Past Commanders.

J. L. Bradford.

C. W. Perry.

*L. C. Long.

Dean A. Hull.

ALBERT JACKSON POST NO. 300, MARQUETTE.

Chartered March 7, 1885.

Membership 28.

Commander, C. E. Moore.

Delegate.

R. P. Byrne.

Alternate.

J. S. Van Horn.

Past Commanders.

R. R. French.

A. O. Kruger.

John Dooley.

Chas. D. Blanchard.

P. C. Beanston.

E. C. Anthony.

ORIN WHITCOMB POST NO. 302, BYRON CENTER.

Chartered March 30, 1885.

Membership 18.

Commander, R. F. Hanes.

Delegate.

*L. N. Thomas.

Alternate.

Frank Utter.

Past Commanders.

Lyman Havens.

*L. L. Hickox.

A. A. Palmer.

A. M. Green.

*N. F. Cooper.

W. F. Moorman.

W. Colley.

R. F. Hanes.

*J. B. Morse.

BURSONS POST NO. 303, SCHOOLCRAFT.

Chartered April 16, 1885.

Membership 18.

Commander, E. J. Vreland.

Delegate.

*John Gilchrist.

Alternate.

M. S. Brown.

Past Commanders.

John Gilchrist.

Albert Cornell.

M. S. Burson.

E. B. Monroe.

Albert Wager.

Frank Carlton.

Jacob Bauer.

Robt. E. Johnson.

MILTON WILLIAMS POST NO. 304, CLIFFORD.

Chartered April 23, 1885.

Membership 8.

Commander, Sam'l E. Haight.

Delegate.

W. Howard.

Alternate.

T. B. Keyworth.

Past Commanders.

Harrison Bradshaw.

John Van Etten.

W. Montgomery.

S. E. Spencer.

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

BACON POST NO. 305, FENWICK.

Chartered April 30, 1885.

Membership 8.

Commander, S. G. Wheaton.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***M. E. ROGERS POST NO. 308, IMLAY CITY.**

Chartered May 9, 1885.

Membership 11.

Commander, W. Harwood

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***WALTER OER POST NO. 312, SCOTTS.**

Chartered June 27, 1885.

Membership 9.

*Commander, C. T. S. Cook.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

John Powers.

Past Commanders.

David Gutchess.

C. T. S. Cook.

HENRY DAGLE POST NO. 313, SOUTH BOARDMAN.

Chartered July 22, 1905.

Membership 8.

Commander, Geo. Ives.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

H. D. Lathrop.

Wm. Blanchard.

Past Commanders.

John Dagle.

A. O. Clark.

WILTIE POST NO. 314, SALINE.

Chartered June 12, 1885.

Membership 9.

Commander, D. B. Wheeler.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

E. W. Hunt.

CHAS. E. WENDELL POST NO. 316, GRANT.

Chartered July 30, 1885.

Membership 26.

Commander, F. M. Jackson.

G. J. HUDSON POST NO. 317, MATTAWAN.

Chartered August 17, 1885.

Membership 13.

Commander, Peter Benwire.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Moses Wright.

*Past Commanders.*Albert Newkirk.
H. Freeman.
L. G. Hunt.J. M. Davidson.
B. F. Morris.
Ford Murch.

ALLEN M. HARMAN POST NO. 318, NORTHVILLE.

Chartered August 22, 1885.

Membership 52.

*Commander, Andrew Houk.

Delegate.

Albert H. Kalor.

Alternate.

*Daniel Craft.

Past Commanders.

B. G. Webster.
H. O. Ward.
James Taylor.
*S. J. Lawrence.
*O. B. Moore.
E. K. Simonds.
Henry M. White.
C. L. Brigham.

T. P. Banks.
*E. K. Starkweather.
J. W. Dolph.
Andrew Houk.
M. S. Nichols.
Thos. Calhoun.
Geo. F. Goodell.

J. B. SACKETT POST NO. 320, PRAIRIEVILLE.

Chartered August 31, 1885.

Membership 17.

*Commander, F. A. Blackman.

Delegate.

N. H. Orr.

Alternate.

*James Callender.

Past Commanders.

Geo. Norwood.
N. H. Orr
Mark Norris.

F. A. Blackman.
T. A. Woodman.

GEO. J. LEIGHTON POST NO. 321, SPRINGPORT.

Chartered September 1, 1885.

Membership 14.

Commander, Geo. Lininger.

Delegate.

*Henry Sine.

Alternate.

Past Commanders.

Adam Craver.
Wm. Malcolm.
Geo. Lininger.
S. D. Curtis.

John Orrison.
H. B. Yoxheimer.
Clinton Faxon.

WILLIAM KERBY POST NO. 323, ASHLEY.

Chartered September 14, 1885.

Membership 18.

*Commander, David Duncan.

Delegate.

Thos. Brown.

Alternate.

Chas. Manchester.

Past Commanders.

Nathan Roof.
N. B. Bowker.

E. Z. Fuller.
David Duncan.

W. B. STUART POST NO. 324, CRYSTAL.

Chartered September 12, 1885.

Membership 10.

Commander, Chas. Swarthout.

Delegate.

Alison M. Mine.

Alternate.

*W. H. Rogers.

Past Commanders.

C. P. Pickle.

W. G. Griswold.

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

O. D. JACKSON POST NO. 326, POTTERVILLE.

Chartered September 25, 1885.

Membership 13.

Commander, A. P. Goodwin.

Delegate.

Wm. H. Barr.

Alternate.

Frank C. Ray.

*Past Commanders.*J. M. Henderson.
James Smalley.
A. P. Goodwin.*N. O. Merritt.
Frank Milbourn.
Geo. H. Carmoney.**MYRON HAWLEY POST NO. 323, NAPOLEON.**

Chartered October 1, 1885.

Membership 15.

Commander, R. B. Tracy.

Delegate.

I. L. Hawley.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*Wm. R. Fuller.
Murry Hess.
I. Kilburn.
I. L. Hawley.
A. P. Morris.
L. M. Jones.James Henderson.
V. Watson.
Wm. Drew.
John Keeling.
John Garlinghouse.**COL. H. H. JEFFORDS POST NO. 330, DEXTER.**

Chartered November 5, 1885.

Membership 11.

Commander, Chas. F. Bates.

Delegate.

D. M. Litchfield.

Alternate.

L. S. Miles.

*Past Commanders.*L. C. Rodman.
H. H. Wilson.M. E. McNeil.
C. F. Bates.**C. E. HILTON POST NO. 336, EAST GILEAD.**

Chartered January 21, 1886.

Membership 11.

Commander, Myron Aldrich.

Delegate.

Henry A. Kinsey.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*J. W. Parker.
C. W. Spade.
C. H. Brooks.
Samuel German.Jackson Kanouse.
Myron Aldrich.
Geo. O. Bixler.
Chas. Miller.**ALBERT SPERRY POST NO. 337, RAVENNA.**

Chartered January 29, 1886.

Membership 13

Commander, Orange Oaget.

*Delegate.**Past Commanders.**Alternate.*Albro Enos.
Henry Hull.
Fred Plumhoff.
James E. Noble.Henry Walker.
John E. Hodgis.
Isaac R. Franks.
F. D. Hoogstraet

MATHEW ARTIS POST NO. 341, CASSOPOLIS.

Chartered March 10, 1886.

Membership 13.

Delegate.

C. Oxendine.

Commander, Abner R. Byrd.

Alternate.

Z. Pompy.

Past Commanders.

B. E. Curtis.

Abner R. Byrd.

E. H. LISCUM POST NO. 343, SAULT STE. MARIE.

Chartered March 10, 1885.

Membership 13.

Delegate.

*Homer W. Hodge

Commander, James A. Troutt.

Alternate.

James Joyce.

Past Commanders.

Wm. P. Spalding.

JOHN W. PURDY POST NO. 346, HAMILTON.

Chartered March 11, 1886.

Membership 13.

Delegate.

M. W. Burnett.

Commander, Jerry Arndt.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Ben Laberge.

*H. L. Beach.

John C. Holmes.

O. Hoard.

M. W. Burnett.

Geo. Edgley.

BILLY CRUSON POST NO. 347, BRECKENRIDGE.

Chartered March 16, 1886.

Membership 28.

Delegate.

*Henry Shafer.

*Commander, Chas. Wolverton.

Alternate.

L. E. Hackett.

Past Commanders.

W. H. Weed.

J. B. Holbert.

Thos. Holton.

*Chas. Wolverton.

Thos. B. Staley.

C. K. Fox.

P. P. Vannorman.

S. D. HAIGHT POST NO. 348, SCOTTVILLE.

Chartered March 27, 1886

Membership 34.

Delegate.

*Chas. Wolfe.

Commander, J. C. Rosenberger.

Alternate.

W. W. Robinson.

Past Commanders.

*Thomas Barnes.

H. M. Ratty.

Henry Jenks.

*James Meads.

N. I. Kinnie.

J. L. Toms.

J. W. Griswold.

W. D. Cowan.

J. N. Clark.

H. F. Yarick.

M. H. WHITNEY POST NO. 350, SAND LAKE.

Chartered April 9, 1886.

Membership 26.

Delegate.

*Henry W. Bennett.

*Commander, Geo. H. Godfrey.

Alternate.

Ruben Foreman.

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Past Commanders.

*Wellington Rasco.
Geo. H. Godfrey.
Wm. Sleight.

Edward Gould.
James Scutt.
Alanson Dickerson.

GEO. ALLEN POST NO. 351, COVERT.

Chartered April 15, 1886.

Membership 12.

Commander, Theo. B. Randell.

Delegate.

Alternate.

Past Commanders.

Jacob Gunssul.
Geo. W. Morgan.
W. F. Conner.

Osmer Letson.
T. P. Randall.
*O. D. Darling.

COMSTOCK POST NO. 352, MANCHESTER.

Chartered May 18, 1886.

Membership 29.

Commander, G. H. Putnam.

Delegate.

Alternate.

*B. F. Blaisdell.

John Mount.

Past Commanders.

James Kelley.
George Nisle.
A. A. Stringham.
T. F. Bushton.
G. H. Putman.

*R. M. Teets.
G. B. Sherwood.
S. R. Sherwood.
M. N. Hough.

JAMES F. COVELL POST NO. 354, PALO.

Chartered May 16, 1886.

Membership 18.

*Commander, S. Livingston.

Delegate.

Alternate.

Past Commanders.

*B. S. Everest.
Geo. Prankard.
John W. Howarth.

Ira S. Jeffers.
*Chas. M. North.
Caleb Richardson.

F. B. MYERS POST NO. 357, GAGETOWN.

Chartered July 14, 1886.

Membership 10.

Commander, C. F. Stearns.

Delegate.

Alternate.

Theo. Burden.

Past Commanders.

R. S. Brown.
L. Mathews.
E. Robertson.
Theo. Burden.

*W. J. Brown.
W. J. Williamson.
C. F. Sterns.

ROWLEY POST NO. 358, CLAYTON.

Chartered July 12, 1886.

Membership 18.

*Commander, H. C. Dudley.

Delegate.

Alternate.

M. M. Bennett.

*Ezra Bertram.

Past Commanders.

D. H. Warren.	John Murty.
A. E. Terwilliger.	S. Spencer.
B. F. Rockwell.	D. B. Wisner.
Milton Townsend.	John Wirtz.
Will Hinds.	*H. F. Yarick.
J. H. Badgley.	

CORBETT POST NO. 360, PALMYRA.

Chartered July 14, 1886.

Membership 23.

Commander, Geo. H. Southwick.

Delegate.

*F. Bay.

Alternate.

Richard Bailey.

Past Commanders.

M. T. Cole.	Richard Bailey.
E. Lewis.	*John Patterson.
Fred Bay.	Geo. H. Southwick.
Geo. Williams.	Henry Nash.
William Bittey.	

KILBOURN POST NO. 361, SHERWOOD.

Chartered September 27, 1886.

Membership 20.

Commander, Geo. Hass.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Henry Runyan.	E. W. Watkins.
James Locke.	Wm. Farrand.
C. H. Thornton.	

C. B. HUBBELL POST NO. 364, COLEMAN.

Chartered October 28, 1886.

Membership 12.

Commander, Fred Hanley.

Delegate.

Calvin Rich.

Alternate.

W. Z. Fife.

Past Commanders.

J. F. Koontz.	D. A. Curtice.
F. Hanley.	E. N. Carley.
H. Samson.	*John F. Punt.

CALDWELL POST NO. 365, LAKE CITY.

Chartered November 18, 1886.

Membership 38.

*Commander, W. Bartholomew.

Delegate.

Eli Faulkenbury.

Alternate.

J. D. Ransom.

Past Commanders.

*M. D. Richardson.	B. F. McManus.
Wm. Bartholmew.	H. S. Lamb.
Wayne E. Morris.	L. Charter.
*S. A. Phillips.	Levi Klingensmith.
N. Shults.	

Chartered July 18, 1886.

Membership 19.

Commander, C. W. Andrews.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.**S. D. Witherell.
Wm. Kimball.

Sam Agan.

F. VEENFLET POST NO. 368, REESE.

Chartered November 18, 1886.

Membership 8.

Commander, Thos. Gulliver.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*D. Cole.
Jas. M. Higgins.

E. Shook.

NOBLE POST NO. 369, GLADWIN.

Chartered January 3, 1887.

Membership 22.

Commander, Henry Madill.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*Wilson Haynes.
John H. Robinson.
W. H. Kellogg.Enoch Robinson.
Chas. VanVolkenburg.**W. B. HAZEN POST NO. 370, WEST BRANCH.**

Chartered January 18, 1887.

Membership 20.

Commander, John Smith.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

R. A. Babcock.

S. D. Shaffner.

Past Commanders.

John Boshaw.

John Smith.

A. H. FENN POST NO. 371, FENNVILLE.

Chartered February 3, 1887.

Membership 13.

*Commander, Isaac Lameroux.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*W. H. McCormick.

Aritus Turrell.

*Past Commanders.*A. Turrell.
John Sherman.

*Robert Rouse.

E. P. CASE POST NO. 372, BENZONIA.

Chartered March 5, 1887.

Membership 33.

Commander, Zenas E. Clark.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Homer J. Kentner.

Chas. J. Raymond.

*Past Commanders.**L. P. Judson.
Jas. Montgomery.
Roswell P. Reed.
H. M. Stanley.
John W. Van Deman.W. H. Reynolds.
J. C. Van Blarecoum.
Wm. A. Joy.
I. P. Covey.
Z. E. Clark.

S. E. DOWNER POST NO. 374, PAERMA.

Chartered March 9, 1887.

Membership 5.

Commander, H. C. Anderson.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*H. C. Anderson.
W. A. Matson.
Geo. Schwab.Frank Gorton.
J. R. Godfrey.**WM. P. EVERETT POST NO. 377, ROCHESTER.**

Chartered April 1, 1887.

Membership 20.

Commander, Anthony O'Brien.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders*A. E. Collins.
E. H. Dewey.
J. R. Wortley.
J. W. Eastman.
W. J. Fraser.A. O'Brien.
J. J. Snook.
N. B. Taylor.
H. L. Wood.
J. C. Voorhees**JOHN STOCKTON POST NO. 380, NEW HAVEN.**

Chartered April 23, 1887.

Membership 11.

*Commander, Geo. W. Dingman.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Wm. Campbell.

*Past Commanders.*L. Lutenbacker.
Geo. W. Dingman.

J. E. Carl.

U. O. BRETZ POST NO. 382, LAKE ODESSA.

Chartered April 27, 1887.

Membership 32.

*Commander, Robert Musgrove.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*R. C. Blair.

Cyrus Laurance.

*Past Commanders.*Wallace Lovewell.
*Edwin Tirman.
John Bishop.
*Thos Leak.
Robt. Musgrove.
Martin Cox.*A. A. Walters.
Wm. Fink.
*S. H. Mallery.
C. J. Yager.
Able Bywatter.**C. B. WHEELER POST NO. 383, MARTIN.**

Chartered May 19, 1887.

Membership 5.

*Commander, W. D. Stayman.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*W. D. Stayman.
Justus Barrup.
Rheuben Tenny.Sidney Baird.
Samuel Fisk.

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

PLEASANTON POST NO. 429, IRONWOOD.

Chartered. Membership 8.
 Delegate. Commander, Curtis Buck.
Curtis Buck. Past Commander. Alternate.

JOHN RITCHIE POST NO. 430, BURT.

Chartered July 14, 1896. Membership 13.
Commander, J. L. Van Sickle.
 Delegate. Alternate.
John Davis. David Ross.
Past Commanders.
Thomas Boodger. Jesse L. Van Sickle.
*John Jackson. David McAlley.
Jos. S. Phillips. W. W. Webster.

O. M. POE POST NO. 433, DETROIT.

Chartered November 18, 1896. Membership 56.
*Commander, Cornelius O'Dwyer.
 Delegate. Alternate.
*S. A. Widrig. Jesse D. Burke.
Past Commanders.
*John Devlin. Wm. N. Siggins.
H. F. Serrine. Jas. M. C. Miller.
*Chas. F. Jones. E. H. Davis.
Geo. W. Clements. J. T. McCurdy.
*Geo. W. Cook.

MCCOOK POST NO. 434, McBRIDE.

Chartered February 24, 1897. Membership 13.
Commander, M. J. Christian.
 Delegate. Alternate.
Geo. Carpenter. Geo. Park.
Past Commanders.
Louis Perkins. M. J. Christian.
Myron Dean. Frederick Neff.

F. A. DANIELS POST NO. 437, NEW TROY.

Chartered June 29, 1897. Membership 5.
Commander, John A. Cox.
 Delegate. Alternate.
John A. Cox. Past Commander.

H. P. NILES POST NO. 438, NEW LATHROP.

Chartered July 22, 1897. Membership 7.
*Commander, John Northwood.
 Delegate. Alternate.
Geo. Jacobs. Wm. Hubbell.
Past Commanders.
Batus Snyder. *John Northwood.
James Smith. Joy Douglass.

STEELE BROS. POST NO. 441, MASON.

Chartered December 31, 1897.

Membership 32.

Commander, Theo. Bortel.

Delegate.

*Frank Lester.

Alternate.

Henry I. Northrup.

Past Commanders.

*Jas. A. Sherwood.

*N. Templer.

*T. Bortles.

*L. H. Ives.

Frank Lester.

H. O. Call.

*W. W. Root.

Lucius W. Mills.

WASHINGTON POST NO. 444, CADILLAC.

Chartered April 14, 1898.

Membership 20.

*Commander, C. C. Dunham.

Delegate.

*H. A. Spencer.

Alternate.

A. J. Teed.

Past Commanders.

D. E. Cook.

*Chas. C. Burnham.

R. H. GIBSON POST NO. 445, GOWEN.

Chartered April 29, 1898.

Membership 17.

Commander, D. Bonesteel.

Delegate.

Chas. Terry.

Alternate.

Alvin S. Watson.

Past Commanders.

C. A. Peasley.

Geo. S. McClelland.

Eli Bowen.

D. Bonesteel.

V. W. Leland.

Ed. Bradshaw.

W. H. Allen.

J. B. SWEETLAND POST NO. 448, EDWARDSBURG.

Chartered July 21, 1899.

Membership 20.

Commander, Wm. Funk.

Delegate.

Pleasant Smith.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

*B. F. Thompson.

Avon Dever.

Calvin A. Steuben.

William Funk.

John Jones.

P. M. ANGUS POST NO. 450, STANDISH.

Chartered November 11, 1899.

Membership 10.

Commander, E. H. Chamberlain.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***GEN. I. C. SMITH POST NO. 451, REED CITY.**

Chartered April 28, 1900.

Membership 23.

*Commander, Geo. H. Gilbert.

Delegate.

Thos. A. Ball.

Alternate.

Irvin S. Miner.

Isaac Grant.
Aretas Corwin.
David J. Zook.
*John H. Freeland.
*“Ren” Barker.
*Geo. H. Gilbert.

Past Commanders.

David D. Randall.
Homer Spencer.
Livingston Hall.
Anthony Wise.
Nathaniel Clark.
C. D. Woodruff.

H. W. LAWTON POST NO. 452, SAMARIA.

Chartered June 23, 1900.

Membership 32.

*Commander, A. J. Shepherd.

Delegate.

O. W. Tucker.

Alternate.

A. M. Albert.

Past Commanders.

A. J. Teall.
Philander Karr.
Geo. F. Harmon.

A. M. Albert.
Chas. L. Clary.

HARLOW PELTON POST NO. 453, KINGSTON.

Chartered July 21, 1900.

Membership 16.

Commander, Walter B. Nedrey.

Delegate.

Benj. S. Franklin.

Alternate.

S. E. Parker.

Past Commanders.

Walter B. Nedrey.
W. C. Lockwood.
A. B. Payne.

Geo. E. Parker.
J. B. Hickey.

JAMES A. SAXTON POST NO. 454, CENTRAL LAKE.

Chartered July 17, 1900.

Membership 23.

Commander, W. H. Eastman.

Delegate.

L. D. Wright.

Alternate.

J. H. Hemphill.

Past Commanders.

D. C. Morrison.
W. Mohrman.
O. Burnett.

A. J. Drake.
W. H. Easton.
D. W. Sage.

JOHN HUNTER POST NO. 455, MONTROSE.

Chartered November 21, 1900.

Membership 19.

*Commander, J. W. Barber.

Delegate.

Levi H. Bronson.

Alternate.

*August Lucke.

Past Commanders.

*David Cross.
James H. Persons.
James E. Barnes.

Geo. W. England.
W. C. Bouck.

STANSELL POST NO. 456, SOUTH LYON.

Chartered February 22, 1901.

Membership 21.

*Commander, L. S. Allen.

Delegate.

Wm. S. Kingsley.

Alternate.

*M. C. Holmes.

Past Commanders.

L. S. Allen.
A. C. Washburn.
Urban Gyde.

C. Calkins.
L. A. Sayles.
T. W. Hammond.

J. M. POND POST NO. 460, SAUGATUCK.

Chartered February 9, 1903.

Membership 25.

Commander, J. J. Brown.

Delegate.

A. Brackenridg.

Alternate.

Geo. Baker.

Past Commanders.

*J. C. Bartholomew.
Judson Doud.
R. Baker.

*C. Whitney.
*Z. B. Woody.

GEORGE BOYD POST NO. 461, BOON.

Chartered August 8, 1903.

Membership 25.

Commander, Wm. McNitt.

Delegate.

*James Mansfield.

Alternate.

John A. Hoskins.

Past Commanders.

Amos Merrill.
B. F. Smith.
*J. S. McClain.

John H. Wheeler.
R. C. Norris.
*Geo. W. Wheeler.

R. A. ALGER POST NO. 462, RAPID CITY.

Chartered November 2, 1907.

Membership 11.

*Commander, Peter Dismond.

Delegate.

Walter Turk.

Alternate.

Harry Smith.

Past Commander.

*Joseph Finney.

PROCEEDINGS

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

FIRST DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

HOLLAND, MICHIGAN, June 22, 1910.

The Thirty-Second Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, assembled in the Carnegie Hall, Hope College, in the city of Holland, at 9:30 o'clock a. m. and was opened in due form by Department Commander James M. Greenfield.

Prayer by the Department Chaplain: Almighty, ever-living, ever blessed and glorious God, our Father, we are glad to appear before thee at this time. We are glad to meet and greet each other and be in each other's presence once more. We are glad to come into thy presence and invoke thy special divine blessing to rest upon us in this encampment. Our ranks are thinning each year and we are thankful that so many of us have been spared. With all the uncertainties of life constantly about us we thank thee that thou hast spared our lives. We come to thee with all our heart today in gratitude, in thanksgiving and love. We come to renew our thankfulness for this kind, loving, brotherly spirit that unites us together. Let thy blessing be given upon every member here also those absent and the members of our families at home; upon the Grand Army of the Republic at large; upon all the interests of our organization throughout our broad country. We thank thee for what it has done. We are grateful to thee that the officers of this organization for the present year have been spared. We come with gladness; we come with sadness. Two of our beloved past Commanders have passed away since we have met before—one a resident of this city. We invoke God's blessing upon those of his family. Give them the consolation that God alone can give. Support them in their sorrow and in their trials; be nearer to them to uphold them in all the sorrowing conditions of life and now, let our brotherly spirit go toward our ranks throughout all the land. Unite us together in the one great brotherhood, the North and the South loving each other, greeting each other now as members and comrades and fellow citizens and loyal citizens throughout our broad land. Bless our government, our chief magistrate and all of them. God be with us in all the meetings of this encampment that there may be unity, harmony, order, love, consecration on the part of these dear old comrades in all the interests of this organization, and bless us in

our faithfulness to each other to our cause and to our God, and when our work is done let us feel that we have done our best. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, Amen.

Department Commander: I now declare the Thirty-Second Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, opened in due form.

Department Commander: I hope that you will have a little patience with me this morning as I am not feeling very well. As the fellow said, "I am under the doctor's care." I have been taking quinine and have not gotten over the effects of it yet.

Senior Vice Commander Henry P. Shutt took the chair, the Department Commander then read his address.

COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.

Comrades: Another year of Grand Army history has passed. We meet today on the shores of one of our Great Lakes in the thriving city of Holland—a city named after the country where the pioneers to this beautiful city were born; and from which they brought that sturdiness of character that is so proverbial of the Hollander. As we meet in this, our Thirty-Second Annual Encampment, to consult together for the good of our Order and to transact the business of the Department, we should not forget to render thanks to the Supreme Commander of us all, for sparing our lives and permitting us to again assemble in Annual Encampment.

I will here express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me when one year ago you elected me your Commander,—the highest office within your gift. I accepted it as a trust from my Comrades, fully realizing that it was no light task which I had undertaken. I have endeavored to fulfil the duties of the office to the best of my ability; any failure on my part has been because of physical inability or because of error in judgment.

Comrades, we have assembled in this, our Thirty-Second Annual Encampment, to transact business for the good of our Order and in the transaction of the business of the Encampment, let us exercise that spirit of charity which we would desire from another.

MEMBERSHIP.

The Assistant Adjutant General's report will show the following summary of membership of the Department.

Members in good standing December 31st, 1908.....	10,220
Members in good standing December 31st, 1909.....	9,854
Showing a net loss of members	366

The total death loss for the year is 507, so that we have made a gain of 131 above our death loss.

The number of Posts in the Department is 311—a loss of two Posts during the year.

These figures show that our membership is in a healthy and thriving condition, notwithstanding the burden of increasing years and enfeebled body.

Your present officers have been deeply in earnest during the past year in urging Posts to recruit their ranks, and secure the reinstatement of hundreds of suspended and dropped members throughout the Department; in some Posts the spirit of recruiting has been dominant, with the result of substantial gains. The activity of the membership of a Post can be measured by the increased number of its membership. It is true that many of our Comrades are feeble and unable to do active work in the Posts, and they drop out. If the Comrades outside the order would carefully consider what the Grand Army has and is doing for their benefit, in procuring legislation and to give them increased pensions, I am sure they would not remain long outside our ranks.

I would urge upon all Comrades present at the Encampment to go home fully determined to work more earnestly than ever for the up-building of their Posts. Comrades—I cannot see any just reason why we should not maintain our membership to the full standard for many years, considering that we have over 15,000 men in the Department who served in the War of the Rebellion, who today do not affiliate with us, to draw from. Let us go from this Encampment feeling that our work is not accomplished until every man who served in that Grand Army of '61 to '65, shall have been enrolled in the Grand Army of the Republic of 1910.

It is possible for me to realize that in a few months more we will be fifty years removed from the date of the firing of the first gun by Treason's hand upon the old flag then floating over Fort Sumpter. Fifty years since the beginning of the great war for the preservation of our national integrity and unity, will soon be upon us, and I hope that this Department will make strenuous efforts to suitably commemorate the great event.

FINANCES.

The report of the Assistant Quartermaster General. The cash balance on hand June 22, 1909, was \$3,807.36, that the receipts from all sources during the year was \$2,846.50, that the expenses during the year have been \$2,596.76, leaving cash on hand of \$4,057.10.

The report shows a falling off in receipts for the year of \$9.53. with a steadily increasing membership and no new Posts organizing, there will in the course of events be a falling off in receipts while we have a fair balance on hand to draw upon in case of deficiency.

There has been no definite action of the Department relative to expenses to be allowed the Department Commander and other officers of the Department, in attending the National Encampments, since the Twenty-Sixth Annual Encampment held at Battle Creek, when Department Commander Van Raalte recommended, and it was approved by the Encampment that—"In attendance upon the National Encampments all legitimate expenses of the Assistant Adjutant General be paid, the Department also to pay for headquarters room, a room for the Department Commander and the Assistant Quartermaster General, all other expenses including board and mounts to be borne by each individual.

Since the adoption of the above, there has been a change in railroad affairs, and the burden put upon the Department Commander in attending the National Encampment has become a burden, especially when the National Encampment is held at a long distance from us. I would therefore recommend that railroad fares of the Department Commander, Senior Vice Department Commander, Junior Vice Department Commander and the Assistant Quartermaster General be paid over and above fifteen dollars,—that is, where the railroad fare is twenty dollars. Fifteen dollars is to be borne by the individual and the five dollars in excess of the fifteen to be paid by the Department. That the legitimate expense of the Assistant Adjutant General be paid as heretofore. That the two assistants for the Assistant Adjutant General, be paid a per diem of \$4.00 for actual time given. That not to exceed \$200.00 be allowed for payment of a band or drum corps in attendance on National Encampments, and that in making arrangements for music, a due regard should be had for the standing of the Department.

ALGER FUND.

There is no change in the status of this fund,—the principal being \$1,000.00. The interest received is turned into the general fund.

The W. R. C. Fund remains about the same. The amount drawn from this fund has been small. The report of the Assistant Adjutant General will show in detail the use made of this fund.

REUNIONS AND CAMPFIRES.

The calls made upon my time from all over the Department have been so many that it has been impossible for me to comply with all the demands made upon me. I have had many enjoyable, and I think most profitable meetings with the Posts and County Organizations. One of the most notable meetings that I attended was the Reunion of North-Western Soldiers and Sailors Association at Traverse City. The attendance was large and the enthusiasm of the loyal citizens of that beautiful city, unbounded. I have attended Post Meetings, Reunions and other gatherings of the G. A. R. at Bay City, Saginaw, Port Huron, Battle Creek, Detroit, Jackson, Lansing, Monroe, Montrose, Flint, the Soldiers' Home and other places, always meeting with an enthusiastic reception.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Reports received by the Department Chaplain and through the Press, show that Memorial Day was universally observed, the interest of the public fully maintained, and from general observation, I would say that the general interest is increasing, and the schools of the State enter into the exercises connected with the day, with much enthusiasm. The weather was not what we would wish, but the crowds braved the cold and rain, and the day was in every case well observed.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

The Forty-Third National Encampment which was held in Salt Lake City, was like its many predecessors,—an unbounded success. Owing to the distance from home and necessary heavy expenses, the attendance

from Michigan was not large, yet we pride ourselves on the fact, that we made a very creditable showing.

The musical committee at Salt Lake very generously provided the Department with a band, and a good one too, without expense to the Department, which generous act was duly appreciated. The sessions of the Encampment were full of interest and harmony and comradeship prevailed. Amendments to the Rules and Regulations of our Order were few—one of the most important being the number of black balls necessary to reject an applicant. This amendment reads "One black ball for every five balls deposited, shall be necessary to reject." That is, if twenty ballots be cast, it would require four black balls to reject, and in the same proportion for larger numbers voting. Another important measure adopted, was that referring to the use of Military Titles by the Comrades. The election or appointment to any office in the Grand Army does not confer a Military title. The amendment reads as follows: "Election or appointment to office in the Grand Army of the Republic does not confer any purely Military title by reason of such election or appointment, and the use thereof, except as to titles earned in the service of the United States, or of the State, is in conflict with the principles of our Order, and is hereby prohibited."

Since the adoption of the office of Department and Post Patriotic Instructor, every year there has been a call upon the Department for form for installation, as the service book in its present form does not provide suitable words or form for their installation. The Forty-Third National Encampment also provided a form for use in the installation of Patriotic Instructor, and is found on page 232, Proceedings of 43rd National Encampment.

W. R. C.

My address would not be complete if I failed to mention that body of loyal women that compose the Womans Relief Corps; they have given us much help and encouragement during the year, and more than one Post of this Department owes its existence today to the heroic efforts of this organization, and they are entitled to the thanks of every member of the Grand Army for their devotion to our interests and the work of caring for our needy Comrades, their widows and orphans.

I wish to give expression to my appreciation of the loyalty and work of the president of the Womans Relief Corps—Mrs. Nellie Dodge-Whitbeck, her secretary, E. Vernia Nelson and others of her official staff. All are efficient and worthy representatives of our noble auxiliary.

CUSTER MONUMENT.

It was my pleasure in company with several of the Department Officers to be present at the unveiling of the monument erected by the State in the city of Monroe, to the memory of the gallant General Geo. A. Custer. The ceremonies were fitting to the occasion, and were honored by the presence of Mrs. Custer, President Taft, Gov. Warner, Senator Burrows and Smith. But we must not fail to do homage to the Red Necktie Brigade that made the record for themselves and General Custer. The red necktie was in evidence everywhere. The Department of Michigan was represented by many Comrades and Posts from near by cities.

This event will long be remembered by those fortunate enough to be present.

CIVIL WAR VETERAN DRUM CORPS.

We have in our Department an organization of musicians who served in the Civil War. This organization is comprised of nearly two hundred members; they have been present as an organization at the Encampments held at Detroit and Kalamazoo and are in great evidence at this Encampment; and I can most earnestly say that their music is an inspiration. They have also led this Department in the National Encampments at Saratoga and Toledo. By recommendation made by Past Department Commander Jibb and adopted by the Thirtieth Annual Encampment held at Detroit, this organization was "designated and made the official music of the Department of Michigan, to lead the Department in our parades at State and National Encampments."

Application came from the association relative to attending the National Encampment at Salt Lake City; this brought your Commander and his officials face to face with a serious problem. The expense of taking any considerable number of these musicians to Salt Lake City would impose a great expense upon the Department—so much so, that it was thought advisable not to take any musicians from the State, but depend upon securing a band from the local committee at Salt Lake City at much less expense; and the result was we secured a band to head this Department without any cost to the Department. For the benefit of my successors in office and to solve a vexed question, I would ask that this Encampment designate to what extent the Department is bound by the adoption of the recommendation referred to.

SOLDIERS' HOME.

The Michigan Soldiers' Home is dear to the heart of every soldier in this Department, and its care has been entrusted by the State to Comrades of the Grand Army, and, they have well done their part in making the Michigan Soldiers' Home what it is. The Womans' Annex should also receive a share of our attention, as here many of our Comrades' wives and widows find a comfortable home. The report of the committee to visit the Soldiers' Home, will give you a detailed account of its condition and management.

LEGISLATION.

As there has been no session of the Legislature during my administration, I have nothing to bring to your attention, unless it be to forecast some work for the future. From the attitude of many of the Assessors and Supervisors throughout the State, many complaints have come to the Governor, the Auditor General and also to our Assistant Adjutant General relative to the interpretation of the law exempting the soldier's homestead from taxation where the value was \$1,200.00 or less. The construction of the laws by the Attorney General, seems to me to be right and just, yet so many questions have arisen, that I have no doubt an effort will be made to amend the law at the next session of the Legislature; and this Department through its Legislative Committee should be ready to act, and I may say to you Comrades, be sure that

your candidate for the Legislature is right on all questions of vital interest to the Veterans of the Civil War, before you cast your ballot.

IN MEMORIAM.

As these State Encampments meet from year to year, we miss some familiar faces—some have gone from us to meet with us no more. The past year has seen many of our Comrades pass over to the Eternal camping grounds, those we have been wont to see and to listen to their words of council. During my administration three of our Past Department Commanders have passed on. The first of these was D. B. K. Van Raalte, a Comrade of sturdy character and fixedness of purpose, and possessed of the spirit of comradeship to a large degree. He died at his home in this city, where we today meet, on February 12th, after a short illness. Only a very few days after we had paid our last tribute of respect to Comrade Van Raalte, we were again startled and our heads bowed in grief as we read the startling news that Comrade and Past Department Commander S. B. Daboll had died at his home in St. Johns, March the 3rd. For a number of years Comrade Daboll's official duties compelled him to spend most of his time in the south land, and his face was not seen as often at our annual gatherings as had been others, yet, his sterling worth as a member of our noble order and of the Department cannot be too highly spoken of. The next to take his final departure and say a last farewell, was my immediate predecessor, and from whose hands I received the colors of this Department, Comrade George L. Holmes. Comrade Holmes was senior Vice Department Commander when our lamented Department Commander Chas. E. Foot died, and the command of the Department came to his hands. He fulfilled his work with credit to himself and the Department. Past Department Commander Holmes died in Detroit, March 25, 1910, and was buried in the cemetery at Northville. These are not the only losses; the hand of the - Reaper has been busy in our ranks and many of our Comrades have fallen by the way. I think it would be very fitting, and I would recommend that at least a half hour of the time of this Encampment be set apart for memorial services—how better could we honor them?

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

As your Department Commander I have been very fortunate in having the support and advice of an efficient staff both elective and appointed. Senior Vice Commander Henry P. Shutt and Junior Vice Commander Albert Dunham have been ready at all times to give such assistance as they were often asked to do.

My thanks are due to Department Judge Advocate Sam'l W. Burroughs for the prompt attention given by him to questions submitted, whether coming from headquarters or from Comrades from the Posts, the service rendered by him has been of great value to the Department. The several Commanders of this Department who have preceeded me are to be congratulated upon having had at their elbow the Comrade who has so long and acceptably filled the responsible office of Assistant Adjutant General.—Comrade Payette Wyckoff. The careful manner in which he performs the duties of his office, his unfailing courtesy to all who have business at headquarters, his ready response to the calls made

upon him, his watchful care for every interest of the Department, and the conservative manner in which he meets questions which arise, prove his eminent fitness for the position; and I feel that I have been fortunate in having so able an assistant in the office of the Assistant Adjutant General.

I also wish to express my appreciation of the faithful service rendered by Assistant Quartermaster General, Wm. B. Bostock. In matters financial, he has rendered the Department valuable service; his report shows the Department to be in a good financial condition.

Department Inspector Chas. Hamilton has had an unenviable duty to perform. The reluctance with which many Posts go through the form of inspection, and the fact that some Posts do not hold any inspection, makes the work of the Department Inspector very hard and results unsatisfactory.

Department Patriotic Instructor M. C. Barney, has performed the duties incident to his office, with fidelity and enthusiasm; he has responded to the calls made upon his time, with a willingness equaled only by his earnestness,—and he has given much time to the duties of his office. It seems that the Department should in order to make the office of Patriotic Instructor effective, authorize the expenditure of a small amount to help pay the necessary expenses incurred in the line of duty.

Comrades, no greater honor can ever come to me than that which I have received at your hands. In performing the duties of the office which you conferred upon me, I have done my best to serve the Department. It is for you to render the verdict upon my work. Tomorrow I surrender to him who will be elected as my successor, the gavel and authority conferred upon me one year ago, and again take my place in the ranks simply as Comrade.

I again thank you for the honor which has been mine, for the many evidences of your kindness and esteem, and for the cordial and generous support received at your hands. May the tenets of our order govern our deliberations, and when the work of this Encampment is done, may every Comrade feel that we, "the men of 1910, have not marred the record for patriotism and good citizenship made by the boys of 1861."

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES M. GREENFIELD,
Department Commander.

Senior Vice Commander: I will appoint the following committee on the Department Commander's address:

Comrades C. V. R. Pond, of Post No. 2; E. C. Cannon, Post No. 16; Charles Higgins, Post No. 98, Committee.

Comrade Higgins, Post No. 98: I notice that there are at least two of the officers up there on the platform waving the white flag. I wanted to know whether they wished to surrender. (Applause).

Senior Vice Commander: I think that I can safely say that they are willing to surrender.

Comrade Peeler: I move you that the Adjutant General of this Department send greetings to the Department of the State of New York. Supported and carried.

The Department Commander resumed the chair.

The Department Commander: We will now listen to the report of the Senior Vice Commander.

REPORT OF THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER SHUTT.

Department Commander, Officers and Comrades:

About a week ago I was at Lansing and I called at the office of the Assistant Adjutant General of the Department and he said to me "Now we shall expect a good, long report from the Senior Vice Commander." I thought that that meant that I would have to get right at it and when I tried to think upon what to base a report and remembering that I had been called upon to do so little and knowing and believing that our Department Commander and our Assistant Adjutant General of the Department would cover the entire ground, so I had nothing that I could think of that would interest you sufficiently to justify myself in making or writing a report. I want to say, comrades, that I thank you at this time for the honor you conferred upon me a year ago; I appreciate it very highly. I thank you. (Applause).

Comrade Griswold: I move that the report be accepted and placed on file. (Great applause).

Department Commander: We will hear the report of the Junior Vice Commander.

Junior Vice Commander Albert Dunham: It is pretty hard work for the Junior Vice Commander to make a report but if I could get out of it as easily as Comrade Shutt did I think I would try and get out of it, but the rules and regulations require it.

REPORT JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic:

Comrade: In obedience to the requirements of the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, I have the honor to submit the following report as Junior Vice Department Commander, for the term ending with this Encampment.

My duties have been very limited, more honorary than arduous. I have attended three meetings of the Council of Administration; one Camp Fire and the National Encampment at Salt Lake City.

The trip to Salt Lake was an enjoyable one; the weather being ideal. Headquarter cars, consisting of one Standard and one Tourist Sleeper, well filled with Michigan comrades and their friends, were attached to the regular train over the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad, which left Chicago at 10:20 p. m., August 6th. We arrived at Salt Lake City at 12 o'clock noon, August 9th, about four hours late.

The Grand Army boys were given a royal welcome. The city was beautifully decorated, and Old Glory was everywhere in evidence. On Tuesday, August 10th, a free ride to Saltair Beach was given to mem-

bers of the Grand Army. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings, patriotic concerts were given in the Tabernacle by a chorus of six or seven hundred voices. The price of admission was fifty cents, but a G. A. R. badge on the breast of a veteran would admit him.

A free ride about the city in carriages was given those who wished to avail themselves of the privilege.

Comrades, as our ranks are thinning rapidly, I wish to impress upon you the importance of rallying to the support of our Commanders by attending the Post and Department meetings as long as we have enough members to comply with the requirements of the rules and regulations.

In conclusion, I wish to convey to you my sincere thanks for the great honor conferred on me in electing me Junior Vice Department Commander.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

ALBERT DUNHAM,

Junior Vice Department Commander.

Department Commander: I will appoint the following committee on the Junior Vice Commander's report:

O. F. Kaywood, Post No. 48; James Armstrong, Post No. 89; R. O'Mara, Post No. 1.

Department Commander: We will now listen to the report of the Department Chaplain, Comrade Putnam:

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

To Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan.

Honored Sir and Comrade: I herein render to you my report as Department Chaplain, covering Memorial Day Services for May 30th, 1909, tabulated from reports received from Posts of this Department.

Number of Posts that observed Memorial Sunday.....	278
Number of sermons preached to them.....	278
Number of Veterans that preached sermons to them.....	14
Number of Sons of Veterans that preached sermons to them....	25
Number of Veterans who attended these services.....	6,843
Number of Posts that observed Decoration Day.....	275
Number of Veterans who attended these services.....	9,133.
Number of Cemeteries in which Soldiers' graves were decorated	923
Number of Soldiers' graves decorated.....	26,666
Number of graves unmarked by proper headstones.....	1,912
Number of Schools joining in Memorial Day services.....	549
Number of scholars joining in these services.....	30,188
Number of other organizations	223
Number of public addresses delivered to Posts that day.....	252
Number of Veterans who delivered addresses.....	47
Number of Sons of Veterans who delivered addresses.....	26
Number of Posts owning burial plots in cemeteries.....	157

No incidents of an unusual kind relating to Memorial Day, outside of these statistics, have been reported. We had thought to make a few

comparisons between a few principal items of this report, and the same items of several years ago, to show the differences a few years have made. But each year some Posts have failed to report, or disbanded, and recently all efforts to obtain reports from quite a number of Posts have failed, making such a comparison unreliable. In regard to the most prominent and vital item, we can say in general terms, what all expect, that the number of the graves of Comrades annually decorated has steadily increased. While the number of Comrades attending the Memorial Day services has steadily decreased. Memorial Sunday, a doubly sacred memorial day, and worthy of the highest and purest consideration possible is not as well observed and honored by Comrades as Memorial Decoration Day. Yet both are very generally and most creditably observed and honored, considering age, debilities, and scattered condition of many Posts; and both are still eminently great days throughout our land. (By them we are faithfully making our great continuous public record, and enlarging the unique and incomparable history of this grand patriotic and nation-wide organization. The deeds, influence, records, and monuments of the Grand Army of the Republic are all *vital* in the life of this great people, no more to be dispensed with than the Declaration and war for our Independence, the Constitution, or the great Civil war. They lie at the very *base* of our reconstructed national existence, stability, and power. They can no more perish than the nation itself. Their existence and history are inseparable. The struggle and sacrifices for each were commensurate with their time, numbers, and importance—one to create, the other to save. The first were the pioneer struggles of young manhood, when numbers and resources were very limited, yet succeeded in founding a new and hopeful Republic. The latter were the stauncher and mightier deeds of a more mature manhood, and far greater numbers and resources, to protect, save, and perpetuate the young endangered nation. Most fortunately for the world, and especially for us, both struggles were under God successful. The great sacrifices were accepted. Cast even a hasty glance over our national cemeteries, with their tens of thousands of our best and noblest dead lying there, whose valuable lives were given for our now doubly founded and doubly established national life and government. Add to these the tens of thousands of cemeteries all over our land, containing conspicuously hundreds of thousands of graves annually adorned and reverently distinguished, by flags and flowers, as our loved and loyal dead. Still add thousands of unrecognized dead in wilderness places; and those slaughtered in foul prison pens; and those buried from the navy in the great deeps. Finally, add the hundred of thousands still living but fast passing away—"living sacrifices"—many still bleeding, still suffering, still dying a slow painful death, torn by wounds, mangled by the surgeons knife and saw, soon to join "The innumerable caravan" that continues to pass on. Sum these all up, and what a sad and fearful proportion they bear to the population of the whole country at the time of the Revolution, and even at the time of our war, or now. Estimate, if possible, the value of this vast sacrifice, that has established our life on a far grander scale, with a deeper and broader foundation, and mightier unity, under the ever-triumphant stars and stripes, with its constellation continually enlarging; and what must we consider the relation to be between it, and the Grand Army of

the Republic, as the practical and organized representative of all these sacrifices and sufferings? If it cannot be that of the reestablished *foundation* itself, it must be the very next thing to it, and occupy the position of *Chief Corner Stone*, next in importance and honor to the foundation on which the present great structure stands. And the archives of this grand corner stone will embody and perpetuate the most magnificent record of deeds and results ever attained by man, under the guidance of Divine purpose and will, in any epoch of human events and achievement. It is grand indeed to consider these conditions as they now stand; but the full, far reaching, and final purpose and results of that Divine will remains to be developed as possible ages and generations go by. While we can, let us recognize and stamp its features and life on the face of every Memorial Day. Let us celebrate it in our lives and hearts, and ever thank God that we are permitted to live at such a time, and also permitted to become participants, in a cause which, however much it may have cost us, is so grand and beneficent for the present, and promising for a distant and brighter future; and thus know we have not lived in vain, and shall not die forgotten. Immortality cannot perish. With some of us time and record are almost closed. Faltering steps, and failing sight, do not deceive us, and their mandate must be recognized and bowed to submissively, sad as it may be to surrender to the final and inevitable. It is well if we can say—"I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course"—with a clear consciousness of having aimed to do it well—having done what we could.

In June, 1902, this Department elected me its Chaplain, and has continued to do so every year since—an unexpected and unsolicited honor from the first—prolonged beyond all precedent, I think, in the history of this Department. For this I now desire to render my heartiest and most appreciative thanks. And for reasons already indicated, and at the close of my 87th year and opening of the 88th, having served you eight years as your Chaplain, I now make the only request I have ever made relating to the tenure of the office you have so long conferred upon me—an honorable discharge, and your continued kind regards.

WILLIAM PUTNAM.

Lansing, June 21, 1910.

Department Commander: The following committee is appointed on the Department Chaplain's report: Comrade M. C. Barney, Post No. 145; Comrade Greenfield, Post No. 125; Comrade Frank McElroy, Post No. 144.

The Department Commander appointed the following committee on resolutions: Comrade Levi S. Warren, Post No. 210, Comrade Wm. G. Gage, Post No. 38; Comrade H. S. Dean, Post No. 137.

Department Commander: I hereby appoint the following committee to visit the Women's Relief Corps and convey greetings from the G. A. R.: Comrade Jos. P. Griswold, Post No. 5; Comrade Riley L. Jones, Post No. 38; Comrade John Northwood, Post No. 438.

The following committee was appointed by the Department Commander to visit the Ladies of the G. A. R. and convey greetings from the G. A. R.: Comrade Samuel Lawrence, Post No. 318; Comrade Louis Kanitz, Post No. 7; Comrade George Raab, Post No. 145.

Department Commander: We will now listen to the report of the Assistant Adjutant General.

Assistant Adjutant General Fayette Wyckoff: I have tried, comrades, to be as brief as I could in my report and yet give you such information as you ought to have.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
HOLLAND, MICH., June 22, 1910.

James M. Greenfield, Department Commander:

Dear Sir and Comrade: I take pleasure in submitting to you and through you to the Department, my report as Assistant Adjutant General, showing the business in detail of this office for the past year.

The following tables give in detail the number of Posts and membership, as shown by the semi-annual reports ending June 30, 1909, and December 31st, 1909, and transmitted to the National Department.

Semi-annual report ending June 30, 1909.

	Posts.	Members.
Number in good standing December 31st, 1908.....	313	10,220
Gains, first term 1909—	Posts.	Members.
By muster	174	
By transfer	72	
By reinstatement	137	
By reinstatement from delinquents..	3	74
Total gain for first term.....	3	457
Aggregate	316	10,677
Losses, first term—		
By death	281	
By honorable discharge	9	
By transfer	55	
By suspension	162	
By delinquent reports	5	47
By surrender of charter.....	1	14
Total loss first term.....	6	568
Number remaining in good standing	310	10,109

Semi-annual report ending December 31st, 1909.

Number in good standing June 30th, 1909.....	310	10,109
Gains, second term 1909—		
By muster	89	
By transfer	60	
By reinstatement	112	
By reinstatement from delinquents ..	1	10
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Total gain for second term	1	271
Aggregate	311	10,380
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Losses, second term 1909—		
By death	226	
By honorable discharge	12	
By transfer	72	
By suspension	216	
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Total loss second term	0	526
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Number in good standing December 31st, 1909.....	311	9,854

RECAPITULATION FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1909.

	Posts.	Mem- bers.
Number in good standing December 31, 1908.....	313	10,220
Gains, for the year—	Posts.	Members.
By muster	263	
By transfer	132	
By reinstatement	249	
By reinstatement from delinquents ..	4	84
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Total gain for the year	4	728
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Aggregate	317	10,948
Losses, for the year—		
By death	507	
By honorable discharge	21	
By transfer	127	
By suspension	378	
By delinquent reports	5	47
By surrender of charter	1	14
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Total loss for the year	6	1,094
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Number remaining in good standing Dec. 31, 1909.	311	9,854

These reports show a net loss for the year of 2 Posts and 366 members. The reports also show that gains have overcome all losses except death loss, and we have a gain on the death loss of 141, a little more energy in recruiting and bringing back the delinquents and we could have shown a gain in membership.

Reports also show:

Number remaining suspended	1,414
Number dropped during the year.....	161
Expended in charity during the year	\$313.68
Number of members or their families relieved during the year	46

The death loss of 507 as reported does not represent the death rate of the old soldiers', it is only the loss reported in our own ranks, the deaths occurring among the fourteen or fifteen thousand outside our order we have no means of knowing. I have thought that some effort should be made to get the report of those dying outside of our order.

Posts delinquent during the year were: Post No. 46, Ganges; Post No. 151, Sebewa; Post no. 167, Elsie; Post No. 314, Saline; and Post No. 407, Auburn.

Surrendered Charter: Post No. 58 of DeWitt was the only post to surrender its charter during the year.

Reinstated during the year: Post No. 46, Ganges; Post No. 167, Elsie; Post No. 314, Saline, and Post, No. 407, Auburn.

By instruction of the Council of Administration, the per capita tax of the following posts was paid from the W. R. C. fund for the first term ending June 30, 1909: Post Nos. 130, 159, 241, 269, 305, 337, 432, 437, 442. Nine Posts with a membership of 113, amount of per capita paid \$14.14.

For the term ending December 31st, 1909, per capita was paid for the following Posts, Nos. 47, 130, 159, 241, 269, 312, 337, 374, 432, and 442. Ten posts having a membership of 140. Per capita tax paid \$17.53.

Total paid from W. R. C. fund for maintaining weak Posts for the year \$31.67.

Of the posts mentioned eight have had their per capita paid from the W. R. C. fund for a year. It is a question of how long shall we pay the tax on these Posts? I am of the opinion that a limit with conditions should be placed on the length of time a Post may be carried by this fund.

FINANCES.

I would respectfully report that the cash receipts coming into my hands during the year is as follows:

Per capita tax from Posts, first term.....	\$1,250 89
Per capita tax from W. R. C. fund, first term.....	14 14
Per capita tax from Posts, second term.....	1,218 76
Per capita tax from W. R. C. fund, second term.....	17 53

Total from per capita tax for year.....	\$2,501 32
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From sale of supplies	223 27
From other sources	4 63

Total receipts for the year.....	\$2,729 22
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All of which has been turned over to the Assistant Quartermaster General and for which I hold his receipts.

This shows a falling off in receipts as compared with last year of \$203.36 and is from the following funds:

From per capita tax a falling off of.....	\$69 07
From sale of supplies a falling off of.....	104 56
From other sources a falling off of.....	29 73

A falling off during the year of.....	\$203 36
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Inevitably there will be a decrease in the amount of monies received by the department, to meet this deficiency in a measure, it has been the custom of the Department to curtail expenses, and thereby curtailing the efficiency of the Department. The question arises how can we best meet the decreasing income and not interfere with the work and efficiency of the Department.

Our printing and stationery is costing the Department about \$350 per year. I find that the Departments of other states, notably New York, Pennsylvania, Iowa and Wisconsin, are receiving appropriations from the state to help defray these expenses, the state of New York has been making appropriations for the necessary printing, binding and stationery for that Department for the past twenty years, the other states not so long.

I have long thought that the great state of Michigan, the state that we love and served so well, is not up to the standard in helping out the Department of the G. A. R.

We have a Pioneer Society which the state is supporting entire, by appropriations out of the state funds.

I have thought that the members of the Grand Army of the Republic have done more to merit the approval of the state than did the pioneers who came into the wilderness to carve out their own fortunes by improving the virgin soil. My comrades how many fortunes did you carve out for yourselves on the march, in the camp, or on the field of battle. I speak of this as a matter of comparison and in no way derogatory to the Pioneer Society and its work, but as a suggestion that the State is under as much obligation to the one as to the other.

Through sickness in my family I have not been able to visit as many Posts as I would like to have done.

The work in the office of the Assistant Adjutant General is on the increase rather than diminishing, this increase arising primarily from correspondence. If a difference of opinion arises over some point of the rules and regulations, it seems much easier to write to the Assistant Adjutant General, and ask his opinion than to look up the rules and regulations bearing upon the subject.

The increasing number of errors creeping into the reports is another source of extra work in trying to have the errors corrected, in most cases I find the officers of the Post very willing to correct the error when pointed out, in some cases, however, I find a disposition on the part of some Post officers to utterly ignore my request for correction, from others comes the reply that, "I find the records of the Post in such condition that I am unable to make any explanation or correction." I would much prefer to write to the officers of a Post and say I find your reports correct, than to notify them of errors. It has been claimed by some Posts that they were paying per capita tax on more members

than they have, when a Post makes this claim it means there is trouble ahead, and much extra work in looking over the records and trying to get at the error. Without trespassing too much upon your time, I desire to call your attention to some of the causes of the errors creeping into the reports.

First—Failure to report the names of comrades gained or lost during the term.

Second—In making up a list of losses some Post officers have gone outside of the term, and reported deaths and suspensions that have been previously reported. Why they should go outside of the term in making up their reports is more than I can tell.

Third—Comrades are suspended for non-payment of dues, and are so reported, and the number taken from the number in good standing, during the term some of these comrades step up to the Quartermaster and pay up, this restores them to good standing without any action of the Post, the Quartermaster fails to make proper note of the matter, the Adjutant is not notified, the result is, in the next report no mention is made of the comrades reinstated, and on the reports and records at Department Headquarters these comrades are still on suspended list, the result being that the number reported on suspended list is larger than it should be, while the number reported in good standing is less than it should be. Quartermasters should be very careful to report all comrades who pay up their dues and are thus reinstated in good standing.

I have a number of names that have been reported suspended two and three times, without having ever been reported as reinstated, for example one Post reports a comrade suspended in December, 1903, this comrade is again reported suspended in June, 1908, was never reported as reinstated from first suspension, this same Post has one more comrade reported in the same manner, there are quite a number of cases of this character in our records.

During the past year on investigation primarily by the Post officers, two posts have found that they had from four to eight members more than they had been paying per capita tax upon.

I have mentioned these facts hoping that by so doing the attention of the Post officers may be called to them, and efforts made to avoid them in the future.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

The Forty-fourth National Encampment will be held in Atlantic City, September 19-24. This Department is entitled to twenty delegates and one delegate at large, making a total of twenty-one delegates and the same number of alternates.

By direction of the Council of Administration I have made arrangements for Headquarters for this Department at the Hotel Ponce De Leon, this house is located on Virginia avenue, the second house from the beach, and less than half a block from the steel pier where the sessions of the Encampment will be held, this hotel with two hundred and seventy-nine others have signed an agreement not to charge in excess of their regular rates.

The Citizens Executive Committee have ordered that, "No hotel will

be Headquarters for more than one Department, except by special arrangements with the Hotel committee."

It is also recommended by the Hotel Committee that Departments and Posts engage rooms for their officers only, and that individual comrades make their own arrangements for rooms.

I have secured and they are being distributed a little folder giving all information necessary regarding the hotel selected for the Department of Michigan, comrades expecting to go will please take one of these folders and then correspond with the hotel relative to rooms, this does not apply to Department officers.

In closing I desire to express my thanks and appreciation of the many kind words and acts received from the officers of the Department, the officers of Posts and every comrade with whom I have met either in correspondence or personally, in my office or elsewhere, I have at all times endeavored to answer all inquiries and furnish information sought.

To you, Commander Greenfield, I desire to render fit acknowledgment for the confidence and honor conferred by you in appointing me your Assistant Adjutant General, I have endeavored to perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability, wherein I may have failed, was ignorance, and for such I feel that yourself and the Comrades of this Department will cover the same with a mantle of charity.

My year's labor although arduous, has been filled with many pleasant duties and recollections. In addition to yourself I desire to thank all members of the Staff, Department officers, officers of Posts, and comrades of this Department, for the kind and generous treatment accorded me at all times.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Assistant Adjutant General G. A. R.

The following committee was appointed on the report of the Assistant Adjutant General: L. H. Ives, Post No. 451; L. A. Kenney, Post No. 42; Hope Welch, Post No. 45.

Comrade Ward of Van Raalte Post: I believe that the A. C. Van Raalte Post has solved the financial side of the Post and that is what has bothered almost every other Post in this Department—it has bothered them more than any other one thing. Now, we have hundreds of citizens in the State of Michigan who would be proud to be honorary members of the Grand Army of the Republic, so that they would have an opportunity to attend the banquets and the camp-fires. Here is a blank application that A. C. Van Raalte Post has gotten out and they have taken in enough honorary members so that today no members of the post have to pay any dues.

To the Officers and Members of the A. C. Van Raalte Post No. 262,
Grand Army of the Republic:

I hereby make application for honorary membership in your post, basing my application on the following facts. I am a loyal and patriotic citizen of the United States and feel my indebtedness to the veterans of the Civil War for the sacrifices they made that I might enjoy the benefits of citizenship in the best government in the world. I shall con-

sider it an honor to have the privilege of participating in all the public functions of the post and promise my moral and financial support.

Signed.....

Dues two dollars per year, in advance.

There is not a Post in Michigan that can't take in anywhere from fifteen to twenty honorary members that will only be too glad to pay you for the privilege of attending your camp-fires, etc.

Moved and supported that Comrade Ward's communication be referred to the Executive Committee. Carried.

The Department Commander: We have telegrams from Boston, Massachusetts, and Atlantic City, New Jersey, which I will ask the Assistant Adjutant General to read.

Assistant Adjutant General reads telegrams.

Boston, Mass., June 20.

Gen. James M. Greenfield,

Dept. Commander G. A. R.

My dear comrade: Massachusetts sends greeting to Michigan and earnestly requests her support of Past Adjutant General Gilman our unanimous choice for Commander-in-chief who will be nominated at Atlantic City, with best wishes yours faithfully in F. C. L.

J. WILLARD BROWN,

Dept. Commander. 9 a. m.

Atlanta City, N. J., June 20.

The Comm. Dept. Encampment held June 21, G. A. R.

The Executive Committee for the Forty-fourth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Atlantic City, N. J., congratulates the veterans of Michigan in Department Encampment assembled on their attainment of an average age of sixty-nine years and the accomplishment of such mighty object lessons for American patriotism.

F. M. STERRETT, Executive Director. 8 a. m.

Officer of the Day: There is a delegation from the Sons of Veterans at the door.

Department Commander: We are going to have a meeting right here this afternoon after the parade is over. You want to come right back to the hall here.

Assistant Adjutant General: The Quartermaster General's report will come immediately and you are interested in the report.

Comrade from Post No. 101: There are a great many comrades here. There are a great many of the comrades down town. I don't know what time the election of officers takes place. I move you that the election of officers take place at ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

The Sons of Veterans were escorted to the platform and were introduced to the Encampment by the Department Commander.

ADDRESS BY CHARLES C. COOK, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
OF THE MICHIGAN SONS OF VETERANS.

Comrades of the Department of Michigan:

We don't mean to trespass upon your rights in session and won't take but a few moments of your time. We are beginning this year and intend to hold in future years our division encampments at the same time and place where you hold yours. It has become a fact in our minds that the son's duty is with his father and we don't intend in any way to trifle or trespass but are simply here to become closer in touch with the workings of the Grand Army so that we will be better acquainted with our duties in the future. Our succeeded Division Commander Captain Small will have a few remarks to make to you.

CAPTAIN SMALL, OF DETROIT.

Comrades of the G. A. R.: We are elected by the Division of Michigan, Sons of Veterans, to bring you a little word of greeting, of congratulation, of sympathy, of loyalty and of love and reverence. We are not going to take more than a minute of your time, but we want to assure you of our feeling toward you. We are building into a great patriotic order, an order that we believe has a great work to do. It is a work of education—education and the principles of patriotism and of loyalty. We believe that we have your sympathy; we believe that we are going to make ourselves worthy of it. We are not trying—we do not intend to try to push ourselves in the lime light by the achievements of the father. We realize that as a patriotic organization that we have a work to do. We want to be found in the next rank behind you; ready to help you, ready to hold our end up for the work that you are doing when the time comes and when you need us. We want you to know that you can depend upon us. We believe that our place is by virtue of law beside our father and I want to assure you that when you want us you will find us in our places. I thank you. (Applause).

ADDRESS BY J. N. RIPLEY, PAST COMMANDER OF THE SONS
OF VETERANS.

Department Commander and Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic:

I think it is a good thing that the Sons of Veterans take an active part to try and organize the boys together and I know in some states they have done lots of good and I think in the State of Michigan they will do excellent work. I believe that I have a word that I may add. I have in the past received communications from different parts of the state from the Grand Army men in the interests of organizing different camps in their localities and my address at the present time is at Fenton and any Grand Army man here today or at any time who wishes to have any applications from the Division Department can have them by writing to me if they wish to organize. I keep them ready on hand at any time so that it will not be any bother. We have not any great amount of money on hand and consequently we can't put a man in the field to do

the work. Our charter fee is twenty-five dollars and there is a ten dollar fee to be defrayed by the charter and the rest of it we can use as we like so I can safely say that any Grand Army man who organizes a camp in his locality that we can present him with a five dollar bill. Now there is a commission for you to hustle and if you can get any Sons of Veterans interested we will do the same by him. I thank you for your kind attention. (Applause).

Badges were pinned on the three Sons of Veterans by Comrade Griswold.

Comrade Kanitz: I wish to say to these young men that our services are not for sale for five dollars, but we will stand back of you. They were then escorted from the Hall.

Department Commander: We will now listen to remarks on the election of officers.

Comrade Jibb: Now it is a known fact that when the election of officers is put off to ten o'clock that there are some folks who have to go home and I don't see why they should be deprived of casting their vote for the Department Commander. They have got to go. I don't see why it can't be held at nine o'clock and give us all a chance.

It was moved by a comrade that the election of officers be made a special order for tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

A comrade from Post No. 79: The delegates are sent here to represent their posts. A lot of folks who should be in their seats this morning are not here. As soon as the election is over they go home. A delegate should be in his seat here every moment this encampment is in session. I move you that the motion be laid on the table and that when we come back today that we go ahead and elect officers.

Department Commander: Comrades, you have heard that the motion making 9 o'clock tomorrow a special order for election of officers be laid on the table.

Comrade Griswold: I would like to ask if there is an hour in the regular order of business when our election is to come.

Comrade Kanitz: What is the question?

Department Commander: All in favor of the motion that it be laid on the table say aye, contrary, no. The motion is lost.

A comrade: I do not think the most of us here know what we are voting for.

Department Commander: The motion was made to have the election of our officers a special order tomorrow morning at ten o'clock and then there was an amendment made to have the election of officers at nine o'clock tomorrow morning; then there was a motion to lay it on the table. The motion to lay on the table was lost.

Comrade: The question now is on the amendment to hold the election at nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

Department Commander: Whether you will have the election tomorrow morning at nine o'clock or ten o'clock. All those in favor of having the election of officers tomorrow morning at nine o'clock manifest by saying aye, contrary, no. Carried. The election of officers will be held tomorrow morning at nine o'clock. Now, comrades, I want you all to be on deck tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

Department Commander: It won't take two minutes of your time to hear the report of the Quartermaster General, Comrade W. B. Bostock.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Commander and Comrades:

I have the honor to report the following receipts and expenditures for the past year, of the various funds.

Women's Relief Corps Fund:	
Received from Past A. Q. M. G. J. E. White.....	\$870.42
Received from Interest.....	21.88
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	\$892.30
Paid per capita tax for delinquent posts.....	{
Transferred to general fund as per statement.....	31.67
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W. R. C fund balance on hand.....	\$860.63
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Alger fund:	
Received from Past Q. M. Gen'l J. E. White.....	\$1,000.00
Interest on same \$40.00 credited to general fund.....	
Alger fund balance on hand.....	\$1,000.00
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General fund:	
Received from Past A. Q. M. Gen'l J. E. White.....	\$1,936.94
Received from Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. Gen'l.....	2,729.22
Received transfer from W. R. C. fund.....	31.67
Received interest on Alger fund.....	40.00
Received interest on Gen'l fund.....	55.40
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	\$4,793.23
Expenditures for the past year as per accompanying vouchers.....	2,596.76
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Gen'l fund balance on hand.....	\$2,196.47
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Total balance of all funds on hand.....	\$4,057.10

WM. B. BOSTOCK, ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN G. A. R.

Date.	Receipts.	Amount.
1909		
July 27...	To amounts received from James E. White, Past Asst. Q. M. Gen., Womens Relief Corps fund.....	\$870.42
	Alger fund.....	1,000.00
	General fund.....	1,931.54
	Voucher No. 1 dated June 24, 1909.....	5.40
July 27...	Received from Fayette Wyckoff A. A. G.—check.....	500.00
	check.....	250.00
Aug. 5...	Voucher No. 14 to 6 inclusive.....	214.36
Sept. 21...	Vouchers No. 7 to 14 inclusive.....	170.26
1910.		
Jan. 3...	Vouchers No. 15 to 24 inclusive.....	159.45
	Check.....	200.00
Jan. 8...	Voucher No. 25.....	5.00
Jan. 8...	Checks.....	300.00
Jan. 18...	Vouchers No. 26 and 27.....	64.48
Jan. 18...	Check.....	240.00
Feb. 16...	Vouchers No. 28 to 32 inclusive.....	130.40
April 19...	Vouchers 33 to 36 inclusive.....	71.06
June 13...	Vouchers No. 37 to 45 inclusive.....	110.91
June 13...	Checks.....	125.00
June 16...	Vouchers 46, 47 and 48.....	86.68
	Statement of account of delinquent posts whose per capita tax has been paid out of general fund and for which a transfer will be made from W. R. C. fund.....	31.67
June 20...	Received from Fayette Wyckoff, Cash \$65.25. Voucher No. 49 \$4.70.....	69.95
June 21...	Received interest on W. R. C. fund.....	21.88
	Received interest on Alger fund.....	40.00
	Received interest on general fund.....	55.40
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	Total.....	\$6,653.86

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

DISBURSEMENTS AS SHOWN BY VOUCHERS.

1909.	Disbursements.	Amount.
1909.		
July 27	Paid voucher No. 1 Asst. Adjt. Gen. expenses to Kalamazoo	\$5 40
	voucher A. Premium on A. Q. M. Gen. bond	17 50
	voucher B. Expense A. Q. M. Gen. to Lansing and return	3 55
July 28	voucher C. C. D. R. Stowits Q. M. G. per capita tax	176 91
Aug. 5	voucher No. 14 C. H. McGurrian reporting proceedings at State enc.	50 00
	voucher No. 2 Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. G. last half of June salary	45 83
	voucher No. 3 Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. G. Postage	20 61
	voucher No. 4 Fayette Wyckoff, first half of July salary	45 84
	voucher No. 5 Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. G., office expense	6 25
	voucher No. 6 Fayette, A. A. G., last half of July salary	45 83
Aug. 24	voucher D. Decorating headquarters at Salt Lake City	15 00
	voucher E. Cullen Hotel, rooms for encampment at Salt Lake City	118 80
	voucher F. L. H. Ives services at headquarters Salt Lake City	12 00
	voucher G. Henry Spauling services at headquarters Salt Lake City	15 00
	voucher H. Hope Welch services at headquarters Salt Lake City	12 00
	voucher I. Asst. Adjt. Gen. incidental expense Salt Lake City	8 20
	voucher J. Asst. Adjt. Gen. personal expense Salt Lake City	78 55
Sept. 15	voucher K. Cola. D. R. Stowits Q. M. Gen., Supplies	48 00
Sept. 21	voucher No. 7. F. Wyckoff, A. A. G., first half of Aug. salary	45 84
	voucher No. 8. Premium on bond of A. A. G. F. Wyckoff	5 00
	voucher No. 9. F. Wyckoff, A. A. G., Postage stamps	11 10
	voucher No. 10. F. Wyckoff, A. A. G., last half of Aug. salary	45 83
	voucher No. 11. Chas. J. Strang, printing ribbon badges	3 15
	voucher No. 12. Allen Printing Co., printing folders	6 00
	voucher No. 13. F. Wyckoff, A. A. G., first half of Sept. salary	45 84
	voucher No. 14. J. W. Knapp & Co., ribbon for badges	7 50
Sept. 30	voucher L. F. Wyckoff, A. A. G., last half of Sept. salary	45 80
Oct. 11	voucher M. J. K. Davidson & Sons, badges	103 00
Oct. 13	voucher N. F. Wyckoff, A. A. G., first half of October salary	45 84
Nov. 1	voucher O. F. Wyckoff, A. A. G., last half of October salary	45 83
Nov. 16	voucher P. F. Wyckoff, A. A. G., first half of Nov. salary	45 84
Nov. 27	voucher Q. Robert Smith Printing Co., printing and supplies	71 45
Dec. 1	voucher R. F. Wyckoff, A. A. G., last half of November salary	45 83
Dec. 16	voucher S. W. B. Bostock, A. Q. M. G. first half of annual salary	25 00
Dec. 18	voucher T. W. B. Bostock, A. Q. M. G., expense to Jackson, Council	5 98
Dec. 20	voucher U. H. A. Clute, expense to Jackson, council	2 50
Dec. 21	voucher V. M. C. Barney, expense to Jackson, council	6 00
Dec. 23	voucher W. D. C. Spear, expense to Jackson, council	4 62
Dec. 27	voucher X. Geo. Raab, expense to Jackson, council	7 00
Dec. 28	voucher Y. Chas. Hamilton, expense to Jackson, council	5 96
1910.		
Jan. 3	Paid voucher No. 15 F. Wyckoff A. A. G., Postage	15 20
	voucher No. 16. F. Wyckoff A. A. G., express telephone expense	6 31
	voucher No. 17. F. Wyckoff, A. A. G., postage	13 48
	voucher No. 18. Mfrs. & Engraving Co., two halftones	5 76
	voucher No. 19. Lawrence & Van Buren, printing	8 75
	voucher No. 20. F. Wyckoff A. A. G., first half of December salary	45 84
	voucher No. 21. F. Wyckoff A. A. G., R. R. fare to Jackson and return	1 58
	voucher No. 22. M. D. Richardson, expense to Jackson, council of Administration	2 45
	voucher No. 23. Wynkoop H. C. Co., printing	14 25
	voucher No. 24. F. Wyckoff A. A. G., last half of December salary	45 83
Jan. 8	voucher No. 25. Lawrence & Van Buren Printing Co., printing	5 00
Jan. 18	voucher No. 26. F. Wyckoff A. A. G., postage and box rent	18 64
	voucher No. 27. F. Wyckoff A. A. G., first half of January salary	45 84
Feb. 16	voucher No. 28. F. Wyckoff, A. A. G., expense to Flint	1 98
	voucher No. 29. M. C. Barney, Circular and postage	16 00
Feb. 16	voucher No. 30. F. Wyckoff A. A. G., postage stamps etc.	20 75
	voucher No. 31. F. Wyckoff A. A. G., last half of January salary	45 83
	voucher No. 32. F. Wyckoff A. A. G., first half of Feb. salary	45 84
	voucher Z. W. B. Bostock, A. Q. M. G., expense to Holland	2 65
Mar. 10	voucher A. No. 1. Cola. D. R. Stowits Q. M. G., per capita tax	172 45
Mar. 15	voucher B. No. 1. F. Wyckoff A. A. G., first half March salary	45 84
Mar. 22	voucher C. No. 1. Cola. D. R. Stowits Q. M. G., supplies	49 30
Mar. 31	voucher D. No. 1. F. Wyckoff A. A. G., last half of March salary	45 83
April 15	voucher E. No. 1. F. Wyckoff A. A. G., first half of April salary	45 84
April 19	voucher No. 33. F. Wyckoff A. A. G., expense to Holland	5 73
	voucher No. 34. F. Wyckoff A. A. G., last half of February salary	45 83
	voucher No. 35. F. Wyckoff A. A. G., postage and box rent	12 46
	voucher No. 36. F. Wyckoff A. A. G., sundry office expense	7 04
April 30	voucher F. No. 1. F. Wyckoff A. A. G., last half of April salary	45 83
May 14	voucher G. No. 1. Comdr J. M. Greenfield, expense account	29 00
May 16	voucher H. No. 1. F. Wyckoff A. A. G., first half of May salary	45 84
May 31	voucher I. No. 1. F. Wyckoff A. A. G., last half of May salary	45 83

DISBURSEMENTS.—*Concluded.*

1910.	Disbursements.	Amount.
June 13...	Paid voucher No. 37. F. Wyckoff A. A. G., printing requisitions and orders	\$8 00
	voucher No. 38. F. Wyckoff A. A. G., printing rosters and posters	47 00
	voucher No. 39. F. Wyckoff A. A. G., expense to Detroit	6 00
	voucher No. 40. Ina Stanton, office work	3 50
	voucher No. 41. F. Wyckoff A. A. G., postage, etc	27 31
	voucher No. 42. F. Wyckoff A. A. G., telephone, flowers, etc.	8 10
	voucher No. 43. Chas. J. Strang, printing circulars	1 50
	voucher No. 44. Allen Printing Co., Lincoln Address	2 00
	voucher No. 45. Wynkoop Hallenbeck Co., printing and envelopes	7 50
June 16...	voucher No. 46. Crotty Bros., office supplies	3 00
	voucher No. 47. F. Wyckoff A. A. G., first half of June salary	45 83
	voucher No. 48. Robert Smith Ptg Co., printing and office supplies	37 85
	Paid F. Wyckoff A. A. G., per capita tax of delinquent posts (as per statement) from general fund, same to be reimbursed by transfer from W. R. C. fund.	31 67
June 20...	Paid voucher J. No. 1. W. B. Bostock A. Q. M. G., last half of annual salary and postage account	27 00
	voucher K. No. 1. W. B. Bostock A. Q. M. G., expense to Holland	90
	voucher No. 49. F. Wyckoff A. A. G., expense account	4 70
June 21...	voucher L. No. 1. H. A. Clute, expense to Holland	3 29
	voucher M. No. 1. M. D. Richardson, expense to Holland	2 70
	voucher N. No. 1. Geo. Raab, expense to Holland	4 45
	voucher O. No. 1. L. B. Warren, expense to Soldiers' Home	7 50
	voucher P. No. 1. Henry Spaulding, expense to Holland	1 35
	Total	\$2,596 76

Department Commander: I hereby appoint the following committee to report on the Quartermaster General's report: Comrade Robert Finch, Post No. 5; Comrade Edward H. Kern, Post No. 495; Comrade O. T. Mosher, Post No. 90.

Comrade Shattuck, Post No. 42: I move you that the next place for the meeting of this Encampment be taken up immediately after the election of officers. Supported and carried.

Encampment took a recess until after the parade.

FIRST DAY.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Encampment was called to order by Department Commander Greenfield in Carnegie Hall, Hope College, at 3 o'clock p. m.

Department Commander: We will now listen to the report of the Judge Advocate.

Judge Advocate: In making my report I started out with about sixty-five pages but I have condensed it down to twelve, but I think you will find some important matter in it. I shall proceed to read it without further comment.

REPORT OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan:

As Judge Advocate of this Department, I respectfully report as follows:

Having been called upon officially to pass upon questions as to conformity with rules and regulations, I will take them up in their regular order as to questions and decisions, and make them as plain as possible.

FIRST.

Statement: Headquarters Farragut Post No. 32, Department of Michigan, G. A. R. Battle Creek, Mich., Nov. 12, 1909. Hon. Jas. M. Greenfield, Department Commander, Dear Comrade: The enclosed communication which is self explanatory is addressed originally to Honorable R. R. Pealer, Judge Advocate General. He returned the same to me, stating that I should have addressed it to our Department Commander so I am sending it to you and request your decision, or that of our Judge Advocate on the points therein contained.

Respectfully, etc.,

ALBERT B. SIMPSON,

Quartermaster and A. de C.

Accordingly the communication was referred to your Judge Advocate. In order to expedite we quote:

"Battle Creek, Mich., 11-12-'09.

James M. Greenfield, Department Commander:

Dear Comrade: We have a member, Charles H. Browning of Farragut Post 32, Department of Michigan G. A. R., who came to us on transfer

card from J. F. Trumbull Post 82, Connecticut. His transfer card sets forth that he had held the office of Commander of said Post. He now claims that he is entitled to have his name placed on the list of delegates to the State Encampment by reason of his having been a past post commander in Connecticut.

I find in the blue book, edition of 1904, on page 61, paragraph 19, as follows: "A past post commander on transfer to another department is not entitled to a seat in the encampment of that department."

I now call your attention to the action taken by our department, in the state encampment held at Bay City, July 11-12, 1907, pp. 109-110, beginning with the second resolution offered by our late commander C. E. Foote. It is evident to the writer that our late commander was of the opinion that a resolution offered by him and adopted by the state encampment would nullify the rules, regulations and decisions as laid down in the blue book. The writer does not understand that a state encampment can by resolution or otherwise annul the rules, regulations and decisions as laid down in the blue book. Your opinion in the foregoing question will be greatly appreciated by Farragut Post. Thanking you for past courtesies to the writer and to Farragut Post.

Very truly yours in F. C. & L.,

ALBERT B. SIMPSON,

Quartermaster and A. de C."

Opinion. On the 18th day of November, 1909, I wrote Fayette Wyck-off, Assistant Adjutant General Department of Michigan G. A. R. Your communication of 16th inst. at the request of our department commander desiring my opinion in the premises, and containing a letter from comrade Albert B. Simpson to the Hon. Jas. M. Greenfield, department commander of Michigan G. A. R., with reference to whether comrade Charles H. Browning of Farragut Post 32, department of Michigan G. A. R., is eligible as a past commander from another state department upon due transfer to our department to have his name placed on the list of delegates to the department encampment G. A. R. of Michigan—was duly received. Having carefully considered your question, I am able to reply. If I am correctly informed as to statement of the case, it appears that Charles H. Browning of said post No. 32 is a comrade of good standing; that he came to said post on transfer card from J. F. Trumbull post No. 82 of the department of Connecticut G. A. R. which was duly accepted; that his transfer card sets forth that he had held the office of commander of said post from which he came, and that he now claims he is entitled to have his name placed on the list of delegates to the state encampments department of Michigan G. A. R. by reason of his having been a past post commander in the department of Connecticut.

It also appears that at a session of the 29th department encampment of Michigan G. A. R. held at Bay City in June, 1907, a resolution was moved and carried to the effect that comrade Henry P. Barnum, having served a full term as post commander in the department of Illinois, and also as senior vice commander of that department, and is now a member of post No. 35 at South Haven, Michigan, be recognized in this department as a past post commander and as well a past senior vice commander; and in this connection, upon motion of comrade Gen.

Spaulding, it was provided that the name of Comrade Browning be included in this resolution for the reason that he stood "exactly in that position" himself.

It does not appear, however, that he was a past senior vice commander, which lack of appearance is immaterial for purpose of his interest in the case under consideration. In his effort to be included, we quote from the request or desire of Comrade Browning: "I am a Michigan soldier. The whole time I was credited to Michigan and served in a Michigan regiment and was honorably discharged as a member of a Michigan regiment. After the war I went east. I was elected a post commander and served for one year and a half. Since that time I moved back to Michigan and I would now like to belong to the Michigan encampment." *Journal* pp. 109-110.

If there is no showing to the contrary in the record of his desire and application, and if he has always been a grand army comrade of good standing since he first became a member by means of honorable service in the Federal Army for the preservation of our united country until his honorable discharge therefrom by means of expiration of his term of service, or as a result of disability inflicted while in the discharge of his military duties, then and in such case his contention is unquestionably tangible; and under all principles of law the patriotic presumption, be it to his credit, is with him in this regard,—no showing appearing to the contrary.

It appears, however, by letter to our department commander of date Nov. 12, '09 that Comrade Simpson, including as he thinks our late commander C. E. Foote, was of the opinion "that a resolution with the object in view" offered by him and adopted by the state encampment would nullify the rules, regulations and decisions as laid down in the Blue Book. In the sense of applicable construction, Comrade Simpson is in error, either as to Comrade Foote or as to himself in the conclusion drawn.

The members of the Grand Army of the Republic by and through their representatives in national encampments assembled have officially adopted a work containing the rules and regulations of this patriotic organization in what is known as the Blue Book. Decisions and opinions governing such cases as made and provided for are therein set forth. I have these rules and regulations as reported, approved and adopted by the national encampment August 17, 1906, which provide: "19. A Past Post Commander on transfer to another department is not entitled to a seat in the encampment of that department." Ref's II-21 Blue Book 1902. I therefore take it that No. 19 thus quoted had been adopted and published first in 1902. But in the *Journal* of the 40th national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic held at Minneapolis, Aug. 16th and 17th, 1906, on pp. 176-177 I find that it is provided by the then national committee on rules and regulations by way of amendment: "Sixth.—Past Department Commanders, and Past Post Commanders who may have removed to another department than that in which they so served, and have there joined a post upon transfer card, may, by resolution duly adopted by the department encampment to which they have been transferred, be entitled to the honors and privileges of such positions in the posts and in the encampment of that de-

partment so long as they remain in good standing in their posts. The posts to which such past officers belong are authorized to include their names in the credentials required to be forwarded to Department Headquarters. It is but fair to call attention to the fact that this amendment does not apply to comrades who have taken a discharge from the order, and have thereby lost the honors accorded for service. It applies only to those who remain in the order and have been duly transferred to another department. This provision by way of amendment was adopted as reported—pp. 178-179.

Amendments are provided: The rules and regulations of our order may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of our national encampment in regular session, provided such amendments have been previously presented and approved by a department encampment, and notice of at least 30 days before the national encampment assemblies has been given by the Adjutant General. Article 16, Blue Book, p. 109, A. D., 1906.

So it will be plainly seen the applicant in the present case under the exception to the rule never having taken a discharge from our order, nor having lost any honors accorded for military services rendered and as a result of his membership, is eligible to the high and patriotic honor desired and sought by his regular application.

I therefore recommend that his application be granted and that the post to which he now belongs be ordered to place the name of Comrade Charles H. Browning on the list of Past Post Commanders from the Department of Connecticut. Also that as a result of the action of the national encampment aforesaid, as well as the action of the 29th Department Encampment of Michigan G. A. R. in this regard,—hereafter, Comrade Browning having been such Past Post Commander and transferred as aforesaid, be henceforth eligible to a seat as such in the deliberations of our department encampments under the usual credentials required to be forwarded to Department Headquarters from Post No. 32.

Respectfully submitted, in F. C. & L.,

SAMUEL W. BURROUGHS,

Judge Advocate of the Dept. of Mich. G. A. R.

SECOND.

Communication from W. M. Beekman of Post 40 Charlotte, to our worthy Commander, thence through our Assistant Adjutant General, to your Judge Advocate, with reference to the following questions of date March 3rd, 1910, from which we quote:

Where, or at what meeting in the month should the Quartermaster make his monthly report to the Post—at the last meeting in the month reported, or at the first meeting of the following month?

When should the semi-annual reports of the Adjutant and Quartermaster be made to the Commander—at or after the last meeting in December and June, and when should such report be read to the Post if called for?

These interrogations are included and signed by J. D. Butler, Quartermaster, Post No. 40 G. A. R.

Opinion: The rules and regulations of our noble order make provi-

sion that the Quartermaster's report should be made on the first meeting of the month, for the month preceding. To ask for the Quartermaster's report on the last meeting of the month, before the proceedings of the meeting have become matters of record, would undoubtedly lead to confusion, if not extra work.

As to the second interrogation, the semi-annual reports should be made out as soon after the last meeting in December and June as possible. Section 4, Article 2, Chapter 5 provides:

"The Quartermaster of each Post shall through Post Commander make a semi-annual return to the Assistant Quartermaster General of the Department on the 1st days of January and July on blank of Form B." In this regard the report cannot be made complete and submitted at the last meeting in June or December as these meetings often furnish substantial matter for these reports. They should not be delayed beyond the time required for them to be sent in, awaiting the action of the Post. These reports are from the Adjutant and Quartermaster through the Post Commander. They are not proper matters for the action of the Post although it is perfectly proper for the officers to read the copy retained for information of the comrades. These officers must have time to make their reports intelligently and the rules and regulations provide amply for such time.

In this I beg to say I concur in the opinion of our Assistant Adjutant General.

As to a subsequent question from the same post with reference to disbursements, paying out moneys, etc., would say:

Moneys of a G. A. R. Post of this department should not be disbursed or paid out without an order or without some satisfactory showing minuted upon the books of the post under the rules and by-laws of the Post. In other words, official records should be kept by the Post of the expenditures thereof; also in this connection moneys received from debtor parties as interest upon moneys loaned or deposited in Bank or otherwise should be kept track of by minuting the same officially by the Quartermaster in the books of account belonging to the Post for a correct accounting and showing at all times when necessary for the financial protection of the Post and Quartermaster as well. The monthly reports should show the amounts received and from whom, and no expenditure of the funds of a Post should be made unless authorized by a vote of a majority of all the members present at a regular meeting when the question of expenditure arises.

There are one or two minor points raised by question in this connection but in my judgment are of no essential consequence in this regard for the very reason that I have come to the conclusion that perhaps an answer was wanted one way or the other rather than for enlightenment. At least a certain measure of deliberation based upon common sense would cover the simplicity of the same.

THIRD.

I have been the recipient also of a communication from Comrade F. G. Warren addressed to our Assistant Adjutant General of date March 3rd, 1910, Commander of A. S. Williams' Post No. 40, G. A. R. in which he submits two questions in writing as follows:

"Charlotte, Mich., Mar. 3rd, 1910.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General:

Comrade: In your opinion, is a motion in order to lay upon the table the monthly report of Quartermaster which has been properly referred to the auditing committee? Also will a motion be in order to lay upon the table the regular Adjutant's report of any meeting?

F. G. WARREN,
Commander Post 40."

Our Assistant Adjutant General of date March 7th, answered these questions above quoted as follows:

"Basing my opinion upon a clause in Sec. 4, Art. 4, Chap. 2, rules and regulations, which says he shall render a monthly account in writing to the Post of its finances, which shall be referred to an auditing committee appointed by the Post. My opinion is that such a motion is out of order. The clause quoted is mandatory and for the time being takes the report from the jurisdiction of the Post and places it in the hands of the auditing committee, and is not subject matter for action of the Post until report is made by the auditing committee.

2. You ask will a motion be in order to lay upon the table the regular Adjutant's report of any meeting? Our Assistant Adjutant General asks the interrogator, "I presume by this that you have reference to the minutes of the previous meeting, which the Adjutant is required to read at the opening of each meeting." He then continues: "The purpose of the reading of the minutes of a previous meeting is for the purpose of correction and they should be corrected if necessary at the first meeting, and after correction the proper course is their adoption. A motion to lay the minutes of a Post meeting on the table is, it seems to me, a dilatory motion and not to be entertained; but a motion to postpone the reading of the minutes until the next meeting might for some good reason be entertained. Comrades in making motions of this character should be careful that they are for the good of the order and not to retard and mystify proceedings." I therefore adopt the conclusions of the Assistant Adjutant General in this regard not only as applicable but as giving some wholesome advice.

Since receiving the communication with reference to these questions in the third paragraph, your Judge Advocate has been apprised of the fact that in a lengthy statement of the case, and perhaps too lengthy, he was lingering under the impression that the commander of Post 40 was sustained in his ruling that, "The motion to lay the Quartermaster's report on the table was out of order." It appears from the facts, or rather subsequent statements, that the appeal from the commander's ruling was sustained and the motion to lay on the table was carried. But in so far as this subsequent knowledge is concerned, the answers of the Assistant Adjutant General to the above two questions as quoted in this paragraph are none the less correct as I find the case to be as established by the rules and regulations.

FOURTH.

Further I received direct from four different posts questions requiring information without their having been submitted first to the department. As they were of some interest, unofficially I complied with the requests presented. From D. J. Willson of Edward Pomeroy Post as Adjutant I received a communication of date Jan. 17th, '09. It reads: "I enclose herewith a copy of general orders No. 3 from National Headquarters under date of Jan. 25th, 1908, and ask if that portion marked with blue pencil is still in force. I also enclose copy of resolution adopted by this Post which I have been directed to send to our representative in Congress, each of our two senators and the chairman of our pension committee. The order was not furnished. The resolution is covered by the opinion of date Feb. 26th, 1910, and is as follows: "D. J. Willson, Adjutant Edward Pomeroy Post No. 48, G. A. R. Jackson, Mich. Dear Sir and Comrade: Today is the first opportunity I have had to make reply to your letter of inquiry of date Jan. 17th, 1910. In reference to the resolution from which we quote: "That our United States senators from this state and our representative in congress from this district be requested to support and urge the passage of the measure known as 'The National Tribune Pension Bill,' and such amendments thereto as are offered that will benefit the rapidly diminishing remnant of the survivors of the civil war." This resolution should not be submitted direct to either the U. S. senate or to congress as coming officially from Edward Pomeroy Post No. 48, G. A. R. as proposed for the following reasons:

Not because a percentage of the members present at the adoption of the resolution was small, or that it was opposed by a minority of those present; but especially because such a resolution is not, as I understand it, in conformity with the rules and regulations, or resolutions, of the National G. A. R. which forbid a G. A. R. Post of a department to make separate and independent application to congress for legislation upon the subject of pensions. Such Post resolutions, if any, are required to be forwarded to the National Headquarters through Department Headquarters in order to reach congress for pension legislation.

I am not giving you this opinion in my official capacity as Judge Advocate of the Department of Michigan G. A. R. for such questions are not to be referred directly by Post officers or comrades to such an officer. "Such references are entirely in the discretion of the Department Commander, the Judge Advocate acting as the legal advisor of the Department Commander." B. B. Sec. 6, Note I, page 68.

I am therefore giving you this information as a comrade in order to place you in the right light, so that if you think it best to follow up the object of the resolution, you may know where to submit the same and at the time leaving you to be the judge whether it would be profitable to proceed further with the project.

If you will allow me to make an individual suggestion, I think at present it would be better if the comrades would get up a petition to congress, addressed to their representative, urging the passage of the measure known as "The National Tribune Pension Bill" with such proposed amendments thereto as may be approved upon consideration of the same so as to further benefit the surviving ex-federal soldiers of the

civil war as they, in my judgment, based upon experience, so manifestly deserve; and have the same signed by each and all members in their individual character—giving the names of their companies and regiments.

I am sorry that I was unable to give this matter my attention earlier but such was the case owing to my previous professional engagements.

Hoping this effort at information may be satisfactory to all concerned and for the best interests of our comrades in this regard whose patriotic services, although painful and distressing, have never been rewarded according to the measure of their merit; and also hoping that they may live on and not be forgotten by the republic which according to fact and the estimates of the lamented Lincoln and our accomplished Commander U. S. Grant, which they helped so materially to save (Grant's Mem. 1st Vol. 116), I remain,

Yours very respectfully in F. C. and L.

SAMUEL W. BURROUGHS."

FIFTH.

From Post No. 17 G. A. R. Detroit, Michigan, of date November 5th, 1909. Samuel W. Burroughs, Esq., Dear Sir and Comrade: Will you kindly give me the desired information. In case a comrade of a Grand Army Post resigns his position, does the Senior Vice Commander become Commander without being elected to the office of Commander, and then does the Junior Vice take the office of Senior Vice without being elected by the Post. Also don't they have to be installed in their new offices to which they step into by cause of such recognition.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

C. O'DWYER.

Section 3 provides, "Posts may fill any vacancy in their offices at any stated meeting. Notice of such contemplated action having been given at a previous meeting. Construed: Foot Note 2. The resignation of a Post Commander does not operate to make a vacancy until his successor has been elected and duly qualified, consequently it is proper for the officer so resigning to provide at any meeting of his Post until his successor is so elected and installed." Blue Book, page 49.

It will readily be seen that upon the resignation of a Post Commander, the Senior Vice Commander does not become Commander without having duly elected and installed. My individual opinion is under the law of acceptance, the Senior Vice Commander should for the remainder of their terms of office remain where they are, and therefore the three questions of Comrade O'Dwyer are answered in the negative.

SIXTH.

From Earl Halbert Post No. 108 Dept. of Michigan G. A. R. "Grand Ledge, Mich., Mar. 27th, 1910. Samuel W. Burroughs, Detroit, Mich. Dear Comrade: A few years ago a person joined this Post and later a remark was made by him which caused an investigation to be made; and it developed that he could not show that he was ever in the United States' service but presented an honorable discharge from the Ohio State troops, which was given May 1st, 1864. Not being entirely satisfied in regard to his status, he was forced to withdraw from the Post. I have re-

ories of the great civil war and of those who were engaged in it living or dead; to teach loyalty and patriotism to the citizenship of our land; to keep green, if possible, the memories of our martyred dead; to aid and comfort the sick of our comrades who are hastening towards the sunset and the recognition in worth of our surviving comradeship in the estimation of our fellow countrymen. The members of the Ladies Relief Corps and the Ladies of the G. A. R. are our companions on all Memorial Days and in our camp-fires giving us words of encouragement and cheer. The G. A. R. cannot do too much for them by way of recognition. Their every effort put forth is as a result of appreciation for what we have accomplished for this country—asking no reward other than that of itself in the accomplishment of the fact that the memories of the boys in blue shall not be forgotten by a people for whom they risked, suffered and died.

IN CONCLUSION.

Your Judge Advocate as a comrade answered as best he could the subject matter of paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 7 in order to accommodate the comrades writing for information. They evidently did not understand that the Judge Advocate of a department is not the counselor for Grand Army Posts, or for individual comrades. His duties are plainly set forth in the Blue Book, A. D., 1906, page 68, foot note I, as follows:

“Questions requiring official decision are not to be referred directly by comrades or Post officers to the Judge Advocate of the Department or to the Judge Advocate General. Such reference is entirely in the discretion of the Department Commander, the Judge Advocate acting as the legal advisor of the Department Commander.”

So it will be seen that the comrades addressing your Judge Advocate direct were lingering under a mistake as to whom they should have sought information; and for the purpose that the officers of this department may not be censured or that the Judge Advocate may not be looked upon as derelict in the discharge of his official duties, or as unaccommodating to his fellow comrades of this department, your Judge Advocate herein refers to this subject matter of official duties as distinguished. And by so doing hopes that the delegates attending this encampment may convey this information to their respective posts upon their return so that their comrades may in the future know and remember this information.

And also that they will be more careful in an examination of the rules and regulations of their respective Posts, and then try for themselves in settling the questions of construction among themselves before they undertake to submit for official decision their inquiries to the Department Commander by and through the Assistant Adjutant General of the Department, their duties being already many, laborious and exacting. And also in submitting questions for decision that they be more brief and to the point, which in itself will be of assistance and result in shorter reports.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.

SAM'L W. BURROUGHS,

Judge Advocate Dept. of Mich. G. A. R.

Department Commander: I will appoint the following committee on the report of the Judge Advocate: Comrade Peeler, Post No. 72; Comrade Barker, Post No. 457; Comrade Lee, Post No. 98.

Assistant Adjutant General reads communication from Bay City from the Spanish-American War Veterans.

Bay City, Mich., June 20, 1910.

To the Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic in Encampment Assembled Holland June 21 and 22.

The Department of Michigan Spanish War Veterans extend greetings and hearty congratulations to our Comrades of '61 and '65, and we trust you may have a most successful and enjoyable Encampment.

JOHN C. IRVINE,
Dept. Commander.

H. L. WARREN,
Dept. Adj.

Moved, supported and carried that communication be placed on file.

Officer of the Guard: A delegation of ladies from the Women's Relief Corps are waiting at the door.

The Department Commander appointed comrades Kanitz, Peeler, Griswold, Crane and Cannon to escort the ladies to the platform.

A comrade: I move you that the report of the Judge Advocate be adopted and accepted without referring to the committee. Supported and carried.

Mrs. Evelyn Creusere was introduced by the Department Commander.

Mrs. Creusere: Commander and Comrades—We are glad to greet you this afternoon and consider it an honor to have this opportunity and I bring to you, Commander, the report of our Department President on the work accomplished by your auxiliary the W. R. C. of Michigan. We are glad to greet you comrades because of your efforts in the past which makes it possible for us to have at this time and in such a manner the meeting we are holding.

We admire and esteem you because you preserved a country undivided and a flag uncullied because you placed your bodies as a living wall between the Union and those who sought to destroy it and because the glory of your achievement shines forth from every star and is written by the fingers of heroism upon every stripe of our Nation's flag.

Commander I have the honor to submit the following report:

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

James M. Greenfield, Commander, Department of Michigan G. A. R.:

My dear Commander with sincere greetings to you and the members of the 32nd annual encampment, I have pleasure in presenting for your consideration, the following report of the present condition and work done by your auxiliary the past year:

Number of corps in the Department.....	215
Number of members in good standing.....	8,882
Balance in Department General Fund	\$868.95
Balance in Department Relief Fund.....	\$142.79
Cash expended from Department Relief Fund.....	\$110.00
Cash expended by Corps for Relief.....	\$1,374.96
Estimated value of relief other than money.....	4,148.00
Total value of relief extended.....	5,632.96
Total number of soldiers and families assisted.....	1,571
Contributed to Southern Memorial Fund.....	\$100.00
Value of piano presented to Woman's Building, Soldiers' Home	300.00
Cash from General Fund given to non-pensioners in Woman's Building	65.00

Wishing you a very pleasant and successful meeting I am, Loyally
your in F. C. and L.,

NELLIE DODGE WHITBECK,
Department President.

June 22nd, 1910.

Mrs. A. T. Bliss was introduced by the Department Commander.

REMARKS OF MRS. A. T. BLISS.

Department Commander, and Comrades:

It was an unexpected pleasure for me to see you this afternoon. I always like to see the boys and I think they enjoy it because I don't always make a long speech. I don't want to take very much of your time. I was appointed as one of the ladies to greet you.

Department Commander: It is with the greatest pleasure that I introduce Mrs. Brown, the matron of the Woman's Annex of our Soldiers' Home.

REMARKS OF MRS. BROWN.

Department Commander and Members of the Grand Army:

It is a pleasure for me to assist in bringing the greetings from our organization to the Grand Army of the Republic, not because I can adequately express our appreciation but because I love to look into your faces from year to year. The world can never forget what our boys did here. Some people regard the war as a tradition. I have a profound

pity for the person who does not have a high regard for patriotism. I have too much faith in the American youth to believe that the story will lose interest when the organizations represented here today shall have finished their earthly cares. (The fine influence eliminating from camp fires and Memorial Day have taken deep root—deeper than you think and the young people growing up in this generation will not forget the lessons which have been so tenderly taught. Sons and daughters, as a rule, are beautiful in their loyalty. Our Department President has made a fine record. We are glad to bring her greetings to you. We always enjoy the greetings from your body and we express our love again and again. You have our hearts and devotion as long as we live. God grant that the time will come when there will be no North or South and all will stand shoulder to shoulder for Old Glory.)

Department Commander: I have the pleasure of introducing Mrs. Knaggs from Bay City. We will now listen to her.

REMARKS OF MRS. KNAGGS.

Department Commander and Comrades: I don't care to make much of a speech here today because it is so hot and Mrs. Brown has stole some of my plunder too. We have come here to say just like the husband says to the wife—I love you. I never say the boys look better than they did today. When I saw you in line and realized that so many years have gone by it chokes one with emotion. No one can appreciate more than we what it meant when you went to the front. Boys, we are glad you are here and we are glad you are in the living and not left on the battlefield. You have our hearts. (I can say nothing more than to use the words of the eloquent man in the past, "Cheers for the living, tears for the dead.")

REMARKS OF MRS. GRAY.

Department Commander and Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic: They have not left very much for me to say but again they have left me the privilege of presenting the bouquet from the Women's Relief Corps. With the President's love, I have brought you this little bouquet. I wish those chairs were all filled over there. It must be that the Grand Army are dieing out and the Women's Relief Corps are coming up because every year we have a little larger convention and we have a large convention in Holland at this time. Comrades, I will not take your time any longer. When you see these flowers remember that the Women's Relief Corps love you.

Delegate badges were pinned on each lady from the W. R. C. and they were escorted from the hall.

Department Commander: We will now listen to the report of the Patriotic Instructor, M. C. Barney.

Patriotic Inspector: I wish to say that I think I have the most difficult office to fill in the Grand Army. Some of you know that the blanks we are sending out are almost impossible to fill out and compile them so that we can get them in shape. Now, there is not more than half of the reports that I have received that are of any use at all. They are

simply these answers "Yes" and "No." Now, all I could compile were those I had received—some said they were too long. I have made it short. Perhaps some of you will think it is too short. I have tried to do whatever I could with the O. K. of the Commander and those I listened to and I am making the report to you as best I could, compiling the reports from what I received.

REPORT OF PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

Flint, June 18, 1910.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General:

Dear Sir and Comrade: I beg leave to make my report as follows:	
Post Patriotic Instructors appointed and installed.....	221
Post Patriotic Instructors reporting.....	131
Reports show above Posts have jurisdiction over school buildings to the number of.....	888
School buildings supplied with flags.....	814
Raising and lowering of flags during school session.....	713
Salute to flag given by pupils.....	12,612
Observances of Patriotic Days, Washington and Lincoln.....	160
Teachers showing a lively interest in patriotic observances....	1,758
Comrades that have visited schools.....	261
Ladies of W. R. C. and of the G. A. R. that have assisted Patriotic Instructors	25
The Friday before Memorial Day was observed by children and teachers of schools	22,200
Lincoln's Gettysburg address has been placed in schools to the number of	359
Number of flags presented to schools 1910.....	1,416
Number of large flags presented by Posts and Corps.....	65
Expended for carrying on the work, about one-third higher than the previous year	\$1,317.20

In filling the office of Patriotic Instructor, I have done all that I could under the circumstances. Soldiers are getting old and cranky and are of various opinions in regard to the duties of the office.

Some imagine that they cannot tell the story as well as others, while some say, "Oh the history is all that is needed and the children would not believe the stories if told to them. There are but very few old soldiers that will give the time to schools that should be given, and when a patriotic instructor visits a school others do not seem to think their presence is required. If Posts and Corps in general would go in a body into schools and have a little program, each one giving a short talk, this would leave an impression that never would be forgotten by them and would do more towards creating a patriotic feeling and love of country by our foreign people than anything else I can think of.

Think of the millions of people coming to our shores and so little interest taken with them by the ones that have given to them the most beautiful country that God ever allowed the sun to shine upon.

And my experience giving the story before twenty thousand children, including the D. and D. and Catholic Schools of Flint, tells me that no children enjoy hearing the old soldiers equal to the foreigners and never have I failed to be treated very kindly indeed by the superintendents, principals and teachers of all the schools.

I try to visit all and tell them how they should love Old Glory. I would say to all old soldiers, you make the mistake of your lives if you fail to leave the story of your war record with the children.

I wish to say the year has been a pleasant one and very satisfactory. There are some things I believe should be done, as I said to you last year. This state should be divided into districts having district meetings planning for the work, which would cost some money for travelling expenses, and I believe this convention should make some arrangements to pay at least the expenses of the department Patriotic Instructor, that he may do a more thorough work. I never have failed to get a favorable reply from superintendents of schools, but many times Patriotic Instructors take so little interest that they themselves cannot give time to visit schools and encourage teachers and scholars in patriotic work. In conclusion I wish to thank the department officers, especially Comrade Wyckoff for his timely advice and kindness during my term of office, also extend thanks to Post Patriotic Instructors for their hearty cooperation.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

M. C. BERNEY,

Department Patriotic Instructor.

Department Commander: I appoint the following committee to report on the report of the Patriotic Inspector: Comrade J. O. Probasco, Post, No. 100; Comrade D. E. Sterns, Post No. 294; Comrade M. D. Morgan, Post No. 18.

Department Commander: Now, we will listen to the report of the Department Inspector, Comrade Charles Hamilton.

Department Inspector: I hardly know what to say to you today. It may seem a very strange remark for me to make. A year ago at this time before I had taken this office I did not say any such thing. But I stand here today with feelings which it is almost impossible for me to express and had you been in my place during the last six months I have but little doubt that you would feel as I do today. A remark made by one of the ladies present a little while ago has led my heart still further along the same line that the Grand Army is decreasing. So far as my report is concerned it is necessarily very brief.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN G. A. R.
OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

Bronson, Mich. 6-21, 1910.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Dept. Mich. G. A. R.:

Comrade: I have the honor to present the following summary of the consolidated report of the inspection of the Posts of this Department for the year ending June 30, 1910.

Total number of Posts.....	311
Total number of members in good standing.....	7,120
Number of Posts inspected.....	190
Number of Posts not inspected.....	121
Attendance of officers and members at Post meetings.....	Fair
Number of Posts in which the Ritual is properly exemplified..	180
Number of Posts where officers and guards are properly uniformed and equipped	35
Number of Posts where members are fully uniformed.....	31
Number of Posts whose records are complete and well kept....	189
Number of Posts whose reports and per capita tax have been forwarded	290
Number of Posts having a relief fund.....	22
Aggregate of Post relief funds.....	\$408.79
Aggregate expenditure by Posts for relief.....	524.28
Aggregate of funds in hands of Post Quartermasters.....	13,489.22
Aggregate value of other property owned by Posts.....	60,864.95
Number of Posts with Women's Relief Corps attached.....	141
Number of Posts with Sons of Veterans attached.....	1

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

CHAS. HAMILTON,
Department Inspector.

I wish to say perhaps that very many of these reports were almost impossible to do anything with. I have done the best I could in summing them up. Very many Posts report no relief fund and then go on and say so much expended for relief. I don't know how to compile that with any degree of intelligence. We have a county relief fund and a county relief committee whose business it is if any comrade's family is in want to seek them out and administer to their wants. I do not know but that other counties have the same. I think, in the main, that they report all of the property which they have. However, I do not feel at liberty to change one iota of any one report no matter how I feel about it. But there is a matter which it seems to me must be taken care of in some way. Our present inspection amounts to very little. I am satisfied that there is nothing that would add as much life in our Posts if it could be done as a thorough division inspection once a year. If we could have a wideawake comrade visit each Post and noticing their little

irregularities, correct them. I know of one post today which is composed largely of Odd Fellows. That Post has dropped right into the line of Odd Fellow meetings. It is being done unconsciously. I simply mention it so that you will understand how these errors creep in. Seems a dozen members are trying to talk at once. Those things ought not to exist. I don't care what organization it is the one that is the most successful is the one that sticks by its rules and regulations—its methods of doing business the closest. (Applause).

Let us stick to the rules and regulations to the letter, now then that is why I fell as I said I did. I realize that these errors are creeping into our posts. The members get discouraged, disheartened, the officers are inefficient—they don't care. There is no regularity. Well, now, those may seem to be little things, but they are errors—they are errors in the conduct of that Post and other Posts which are eventually going to roll up together. I have received a great many communications from Posts writing me about things that refer to these headquarters. Is that right; is this right. I wish you would write to this one. I wish you would write to that one. I don't think they are doing right.

But there is something it seems to me can be settled in some way. Either take it up and be efficient or drop it. I don't come to you today with any complaint of action. My time is nearly up. Whoever succeeds me will have the same thing to pull through as I have had unless they have a remedy soon. I believe, Comrades, that if this is taken up in the right manner that it will lift any Post up. I believe this is a legitimate work and the more I received those reports the stronger my impression. There are many other things which if I had time along this line that I would like to talk to you simply in hopes that they might perhaps be incentives to those who meet here today. I believe that if an efficient inspection could be made that it would be a good paying thing. There is one other idea that has come to me and that is the work of the Patriotic Instructor may be very largely the work of the Inspector. The more I think of it the more I am convinced that the two are so closely connected that they should be one office. Gentlemen, I thank you.

Department Commander: I appoint the following committee to report on the report of the Department Inspector: Comrade Frank Chase, Post No. 126; Comrade H. H. Chapin, Post No. 31; Comrade John T. Allport, Post No. 7.

Comrade S. J. Lawrence: Your committee has taken the greetings of the Grand Army of the Republic to the Ladies of the G. A. R. They have requested me, as Chairman of that committee, to bring back to you their heartfelt appreciation for the sympathy and interest shown their order. The President has asked me to present this to you with her kind regards and the respect of the Ladies of the G. A. R. (Presents badge to the Department Commander).

Department Commander: I wish to thank the Ladies of the G. A. R. for their beautiful badge. I thank them for their kind remembrances.

Department Commander: The next thing that will be in order will be the report on the Soldiers' Home.

(Report on Soldiers' Home submitted by Comrade Riley L. Jones, of Saginaw).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO VISIT SOLDIERS' HOME.

ENCAMPMENT DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, G. A. R.

HOLLAND, MICHIGAN, June 21, 1910.

Mr. Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General:

Comrade: The committee appointed for the current year to visit the State Soldiers' Home have the honor to submit the following report:

Pursuant to the call of its chairman the committee met at "The Morton," in Grand Rapids, the evening of Thursday, May 26th. The next morning before taking the electric car for the Home, as a matter of courtesy, we phoned the Commandant that we of the committee of the G. A. R. were about starting on our way to the "Home." He informed us that he had an appointment at the Probate office which would detain him for a short time, but that we would find plenty of entertainment until his return. Evidently the subordinate officers had not been advised of our coming as none of them were about the general offices and for a time your committee were of the opinion that there was a violation of Rule 44, of the Rules and Regulations, but presently Maj. Charles P. Coffin, appointed to succeed Major E. B. Taylor, deceased, as Adjutant of the Home, appeared and gave us a cordial greeting, and detailed as our guide Sergt. Rody O'Mara, a former comrade of one of the committee, in the 4th Mich. Cav. A better selection for the purpose could not well have been made, as we found in the sergeant a man of good intelligence and thoroughly acquainted with every detail of the Home management and affairs.

Your committee understood that the object of their visit was to learn and know what manner of place was this benevolent institution conceived in patriotic thought, as a home for those of the Nation's defenders whose misfortunes, of one kind and another, made it imperative that some haven of rest should be provided for the care, maintainance and support of such of them whose qualifications for admission were within the purview of the Michigan statutes. Therefore our inspection of the Home was made thorough and searching, giving to every feature pertaining to the conduct of its affairs and the comfort and well-being of its members, close investigation.

To give a full detailed report of our inspection would prove tiresome and uninteresting, suffice it to say that we sought to discharge the duty assigned to us, conscientiously and fairly, and whatever of censure or commendation that may appear in this report is the joint conclusions of the committee.

The building and grounds of the Home have time and time again been beautifully pictured and eloquently described by the committees' predecessors in office, and we will only say in passing that the location of the Michigan Soldiers' Home on the banks of the Grand river is indeed picturesque and beautiful, and the buildings of attractive design and fully adequate to the present necessities, as we understand they have a capacity for the accommodation of approximately 1,800 veterans and wards of the G. A. R.

Sanitation and healthfulness in and about the buildings and grounds appears to be carefully looked after by competent officials and all established rules and relation thereto are vigorously enforced.

The dormitories are spacious, well lighted and ventilated and apparently are at all times kept scrupulously clean and sanitary. The Sergeants of each of the five companies into which the veterans are divided, are held immediately responsible for maintaining these conditions. The dormitories are of various sizes, but each relatively affords ample room for from four to twelve cots, one person to a cot. While visiting the dormitories we first observed that the buildings were not provided with door and window screens, as the comfort, aye, as in this present age we know, possibly the lives of the members, demand.

Generally speaking the conditions are as good as can reasonably be expected in an institution of such magnitude as is the Soldiers' Home at Grand Rapids, which at this time has a membership, as we were informed, of 1,302 of our comrades, 752 now in quarters, 412 absent on furlough and 138 in the Home hospital for treatment. In the Woman's building there are now 90 in quarters, 26 in hospital and 61 absent on leave. A number of married veterans are living with their wives in cottages adjacent to the Home grounds. These take their meals at the Home, the husbands with the men and the wives with the women—in their respective dining rooms. The food furnished is of limited variety, but wholesome, cleanly, well prepared and plentifully served. The kitchen under the management of Henry K. Simonds, an artist of his kind, is nicely kept, as is all of its appointments, pots, kettles, cooking utensils, refrigerators, etc., and the cooking is fully up to the standard of other like institutions.

Only in the dining room of the Home, did your committee find cause for vigorous adverse criticism. The floor is very uneven, badly worn and difficult to walk over, especially for the lame and feeble, and should be at once replaced by a new one. The uncomfortable and unsightly stools provided for the Soldiers of the Republic to sit on while eating, would be a disgrace to a poor house in an impoverished, back-woods county and ought to be forthwith relegated to the junk heap and comfortable chairs provided in their stead. Something is surely due to these indigent, invalid wards of the State. Bravely they fought for home and country in the Nation's wars, and bravely have they suffered since returning to the pursuits of peace. Now a grateful people should see that these unfortunate veterans are provided with, at least, the comforts and necessities of life. The dining room is provided with 48 tables with a seating capacity for 384 members, eight at a table. Meals are served: breakfast, from 5:30 to 7 o'clock; dinner, from 11 to 12 o'clock and Supper, from 5 until 6 o'clock. Henry A. Parker has charge of the dining room and has 47 waiters and assistants, all members of the Home, under his control. In fact, all the work about the Home is done mostly by volunteer members, who are paid from 40 to 60 cents per day for their services.

Your committee has a complete bill of fare of every meal served during the week ending June 4, 1910, too lengthy to embody in this report, but at the service of those interested in its contents.

At the women's building we found an altogether different atmosphere, that difference always to be found where women instead of men are in

control. Here Mrs. Sarah L. Brown, late Department President of the W. R. C., is the presiding genius. She it was who made the recommendation for the establishment of the Women's building as an annex to the Home. Very fittingly this noble woman was made matron of that department. The members of the annex are fortunate in having Mrs. Sarah Gerow at the fore in the culinary department as she is a very skillful cook.

Col. Judson E. Rice is mentally and physically well equipped for the position of Commandant of the Home. As your committee read him, the Colonel is a man of character and probity, kindly and considerate at all times—yet firm in maintaining necessary discipline. Being of a sympathetic temperament he has proven himself very popular with the members of the Home. Mrs. Rice is a lady of much culture and refinement and possessed of a very charming personality. She and Mrs. Brown are valuable to the morale of the Home.

The offices of Adjutant, Surgeon, Quartermaster, Chaplain and the other subordinate positions, are all filled by competent, representative men.

AS TO PENSION MATTERS.

The report of your committee made in 1907 shows that after the passage of the McCumber bill which increased pensions from three to five dollars per month, over thirty per cent of the members left the Home.

It is evident that if the National Government should do full justice to its veterans, there would be no necessity for State and very few National homes, and the States would be relieved of this expense which rightly belongs to the National Government.

We believe that this encampment should in the most positive terms favor instructing the Pension Committee to urge upon the Congress the immediate passage of such pension legislation that these veterans may pass their few remaining years in homes of their own choosing.

We are glad to be able to report that the practice of retaining any part of the Veteran's pension for the use of the State has been abandoned.

No part of the pensions are retained except in case of the death of a member, when twenty dollars are deducted for burial expenses before the remainder is turned over to his estate.

One other important question relative to the pensions of those of the veterans living at the Home, who doubtless will die there, should be solved. Many of these are without kin or heirs, others have wealthy relatives who do nothing for their comfort or happiness.

WHERE SHOULD THEIR PENSION MONEY GO?

In conclusion your committee strongly recommend that the home be speedily supplied with a new floor in the dining room; dining room chairs; and the doors and windows of the buildings provided with proper screens. We strenuously urge that this Encampment take some action towards making our recommendation as to improvements effective.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS S. MCGRAW, Chairman.

RILEY L. JONES,

LEVI S. WARREN, Secretary.

Department Commander: I hereby appoint the following committee on the report of the Soldiers' Home Committee: Comrade R. R. Peeler, Post No. 72; Comrade Ren Barker, Post No. 451; Comrade Lee, Post No. 98.

Comrade Kanitz: I wish to say that the criticism made relative to the floor in the dining room, lumber has been ordered and a new floor is being laid. An order was made two months ago that a new floor be laid. I think the screening of the windows should be looked after but there are "ifs" and "ands." As to chairs, you are telling right. There should be decent chairs in that dining room. I fully agree with you in your statement and it will be my duty to see as much as I can that we will have decent chairs. I thank you very much for making that suggestion. It is all right. I do not care to go into details in regard to Soldiers' Home matters. I do want to impress upon you one thing. I think the Board at its next meeting will get up some recommendations to be submitted to the Legislature to appropriate enough money to build an annex for the hospital purposes for the Women's Building. The condition as it now exists is not ideal and is not very good. We have the wives in the Main Hospital. The hospital was put up for men only but the question came up what are we going to do with the invalids of women in the annex. You can readily see, comrades, that this has to be looked after. We have no fault to find with the sick women in any hospital. The conditions are not right at the present time. The only way to solve the problem is to ask the Legislature for money enough for this hospital. We ask for your co-operation with the Legislature. I do not know as anything will be done. But it has been talked over. If we succeed in getting it before the Legislature we want your help and co-operation. I do not know as I care to say anything more at this time.

Comrade Peeler: I move that we meet here tomorrow morning at 8:30 o'clock. Supported and carried.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

Thursday, June 23rd.

Meeting called to order by Department Commander Greenfield at 8:30 o'clock a. m.

PRAYER BY DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN PUTNAM.

Almighty and everlasting Father, we thank thee that we have gathered here together on this day; that we have been spared to meet again this morning. Let thy wisdom; let thy grace; let thy love preside over us during this encampment this morning. May all things be done in harmony and peace and love and in accordance with thy divine will and purpose that thy blessing may rest upon us all; upon the present officers and those who shall be chosen and thy grace and goodness be with us in the future that we may meet hereafter in thy Kingdom again, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Assistant Adjutant General: There are several committees that are coming to me asking where are the other members of my committee on this report and that report. We would like to get those committees together. I want to make just a little explanation in regard to the badges. We had delivered to us by the citizens committee for distribution about six hundred delegate badges. We ran out of badges yesterday morning. We had two hundred substitute badges printed and it took a little time to get them. Some delegates may not have received their badge. Now the committee is here and has the badges and if there is anyone here who has not a badge and is entitled to it he will see the committee outside and get the substitute badge. That is the best we can do for you. I am sorry that we ran short. The encampment is getting larger and it is hard for the committee to secure enough badges for them.

Comrade Griswold: I want to say that the badge committee will replace the substitute badge with one of the regular badges. Any one who has a substitute badge is entitled to one of the regular badges. They are going to have more of them made and as soon as they are out your substitute badge will be replaced.

Department Commander: I am under the weather and I wish that some one would take my place during the election of the officers of this encampment and I have chosen Comrade Henry S. Dean Past Commander to fill the chair. I do not feel that I am able to control you fellows in the condition in which I am today. I have called upon Past Commander Dean to preside over this meeting, and, with your consent, he will now take the chair.

Colonel Dean was applauded vigorously as he took the chair. Colonel Dean in the chair.

Col. Dean: In consenting to accept this position today I do it under

the obligation of a Grand Army man to be of service to a comrade whenever he is sick; no other reason would persuade me to take this seat.

Acting Department Commander: The first order of business is the election of officers.

Comrade Schneider: I move you that the chair appoint five tellers and that they be instructed to collect the ballots of the delegates in their seats. Supported and carried.

The following tellers were appointed: Albert Dunham, Post No. 48; Comrade Schneider, Post No. 42; E. T. Spaulding, Port Huron Post 98; Henry Spaulding, Post No. 20; Samuel B. Dixon, Post No. 17.

Comrade Griswold: I have been informed that there are a great many comrades who have not looked into the faces of the candidates for Department Commander. We would like to have them sit on the platform.

Comrade Dean: If there is no objection, the candidates for Department Commander will present themselves on the platform. The several candidates took their seats on the platform.

Comrade Cannon, Post 16: I move you, Mr. Commander, that the nomination speeches be confined to five minutes and the seconds to two. Motion seconded.

Comrade Mosher, Post 90: I move you, as a substitute, that the nomination speeches be ten minutes instead of five. Cries of no.

The original motion was then put and carried. The substitute motion was not carried.

Comrade Griswold presents Stephen Mallory, Riley L. Jones and S. J. Lawrence to the comrades as candidates for Department Commander. (Great Applause).

Moved and supported that the Adjutant General call the roll of districts for the presentation of candidates for Department Commander. Carried.

L. H. Ives, Post 441, presented the name of Samuel J. Lawrence, for Department Commander.

I desire to present to this encampment the name of S. J. Lawrence. He is as familiar to this encampment as Old Glory itself. Lawrence has the means and the disposition to make a good Commander and if elected no man will accomplish more. When but a lad of sixteen years he followed the 4th Michigan to the close of the war. He never spoke disrespectfully to his father but once in his life and that was the day when he was sixteen years of age and his father objected to his enlisting. He said I will go even though you object. Boys, you can't do better than to elect Sam. J. Lawrence for Department Commander.

Comrade Sheehan, Post No. 17, Fairbanks Post: It gives me very great pleasure to O. K. every word that has been said in regard to Samuel J. Lawrence. I have known him for years and what he has done in the past few years is enough to recommend him. I am not going to say anything more. I think that is enough.

Capt. Barrett, Post No. 278: I want to endorse Comrade S. J. Lawrence for Department Commander. I want to say right here that Saginaw is only a suburb of Bay City and every one in Bay City is in favor of Samuel J. Lawrence.

Comrade Clute: I voice the sentiment of the Third District in the nomination of Comrade Lawrence. I have known him personally since

1897 and I know that he is a hustler and I know that he will do his duty. This convention is going to put him there.

Comrade Dean: The next order of business is to call the order of the different districts to nominate their candidates. You are all out of order when you second now. The Assistant Adjutant General will proceed with the calling of districts.

Comrade Peeler: I desire to place in nomination Stephen B. Mallory as my choice for Department Commander. When I was honored as Commander I always found him zealous and a most reliable man. He belonged to the old 4th Michigan and he rendered service to his country as valiantly as any man who has been presented here. He has the ability and he has the means to do with. (Applause).

Comrade Dean: We will proceed with the calling of the roll.

Comrade Gage, Post No. 38: Comrades of this Department—Comrades, I have come here today, on behalf of Post No. 38, to present for your consideration the nomination of a man that I believe when you know his real merits and worth you will say he is the man for Department Commander. He was a private soldier in the Army of the Potomac and served three years and was taken prisoner. He was first a sailor boy and then a private in the Union Army and is now Secretary and Treasurer of one of the most prominent manufacturing establishments in the city of Saginaw. He has always been connected with societies of this character. He understands the duty of the presiding officer and the rules of the order. He is not afraid to make himself heard when he gets upon his feet and he can express himself in good, terse English; in fact he has every qualification to preside over your deliberations. He was a charter member of Post No. 38 in this Department. He has held a number of offices. Every year since he became a member of the Grand Army he has attended the Department annual encampments at his own expense. Not only that my comrades, but in these large manufacturing establishments where his business brings him this comrade has the good will and respect of all the men. He believes that a man who belongs to the Grand Army should always be there no matter how poor he is. He enlisted in 1861 in September in the old First Maine Cavalry. Nearly every one knows the record of that regiment. It participated in more engagements than any other cavalry regiment in the service of the Rebellion and comrade Jones, up to the time that he was wounded was always ready and present to answer all roll calls and always did his duty. What more can you ask, comrades? Now some of you will say he can go down to defeat because this is the first time that he has come up. I ask you to cast your ballots for this loyal soldier, this excellent Grand Army man, this noble citizen and you will never regret the votes that you cast for Riley L. Jones.

Comrade Wheeler, Post No. 461: We come down to your encampment year after year from the North with a loyal heart and endorse your Department Commander. We do it now. But we would like if it could be so arranged that the Department Commander of this encampment would come up and see us once in a while. We have never had a Department Commander come up and visit us. Now we want you to come up to the North and see what our old soldiers look like. (Applause).

Capt. Barrett, Post No. 278, Bay City: My brother from Saginaw has presented the name of Riley L. Jones for Department Commander. I

have nothing against Comrade Jones but I want to endorse Samuel J. Lawrence.

Griff Lewis, Post No. 67: Our Post asked each one to do as they pleased.

Comrade Barker, Post 451, Reed City: The eleventh district stands for Samuel J. Lawrence for Department Commander once, last and all the time.

Acting Department Commander: I believe you had better prepare the ballots and have the tellers gather them.

Tellers were sworn in.

Comrade Mallory, Post No. 382: I would like to take up your time just for a moment. I am real glad to see so many of the comrades here today. There are three candidates here for Department Commander. If there is anything I abhor it is a three-cornered fight. I don't like it. While I have perhaps as much ambition as any comrade in this convention to be Department Commander if I would have to have it through a three-cornered fight and by saying any bad things about my comrades I should not be Department Commander. I am on my feet at this time to withdraw my candidacy and I want to say that I am withdrawing in no comrade's favor.

Comrade Gage: It seems that we should proceed with the regular order.

Acting Department Commander: As soon as the ballots are taken we will proceed with the regular order of business.

Ballot was taken.

Acting Department Commander: While the tellers are counting the votes we will proceed with the regular order of business. The reports of the Committees. The first report will be that of the committee on Commander's address. The Senior Vice Commander will please take the chair.

Senior Vice Commander Shutt assumes the chair.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.

Holland, Michigan, June 22, 1910.

Comrades of the Department of Michigan G. A. R. in 32d Annual Encampment Assembled.

Your committee to whom was referred the address of the Department Commander, desire to offer the following report.

For his earnest desire to faithfully discharge the duties incumbent upon him, during the term of office about to expire, the full measure of a comrade's appreciation, is tendered our Commander.

For the present condition of our membership, and the gratifying status of our finances, showing the economy which has prevailed during his administration, the congratulations of this Encampment are extended.

Your committee fully recognize the decrease in membership by death, that must surely come to us more rapidly, as the years are fleeting by,

and in this connection believe that we should continue the same economy in the coming years as has actuated this administration during the past year.

Referring to the Commander's enquiry as to our action with reference to the "Civil War Veterans Drum Corps," so far as relates to their employment at National Encampments, we believe that the numerical condition of the Corps prevents a wise employment of the same at National Encampments, because of expense. In order that music may be employed for the parade of the Department, at National Encampments we recommend that, the sum of not to exceed one hundred and fifty dollars may be drawn from the General Fund for such purpose.

Referring to that part of the Commander's address recommending that we go from this Encampment to our homes with the spirit of the recruiting officer glowing in our breasts we heartily commend the same, and in connection call the attention of each one present, and especially that of the incoming administration, to the already established rules of our order, which provide for the "Outpost" or "Picket Post" formation, which has in many Departments proven to be a desirable means of bringing Comrades to a shoulder touch.

Your committee recommend that the usual sum of thirty-five dollars be appropriated for the purchase of a Post Department Commander's badge to be presented to our retiring Commander as a further token of our appreciation of his services during this closing year.

C. V. R. POND,

E. C. CANNON,

C. W. HIGGINS,

Committee.

Senior Vice Commander: It is moved and supported that the report of the committee on the address of the Department Commander be accepted and adopted. Carried.

Acting Department Commander Dean again takes the chair.

Department Commander: Comrade Kanitz desires to present a resolution.

Resolution was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Comrade Pealer presented the report of the committee to whom was referred the report of the committee to visit the Soldiers' Home.

The committee report that the report of the visiting committee be received and their recommendations be adopted.

Comrade Pealer: I beg leave to recommend its approval and adoption. Those present yesterday heard a detailed report rendered by Comrade Jones.

Moved and supported that the report of the committee on the Soldiers' Home be accepted and adopted. Carried.

REPORT OF TELLERS.

Whole number of votes cast	391
Comrade Mallory received	1
Comrade Jones received	80
Comrade Lawrence received	310

(Great applause).

Comrade Gage: I move you that the report be made unanimous for Comrade Lawrence for Department Commander. Supported and carried.

Acting Department Commander Dean: Comrade Lawrence having received the unanimous vote of this Encampment is declared elected Department Commander for the ensuing year.

(Cries of Lawrence).

Comrade Lawrence: I can't express my gratitude to my Comrades. I have not the words at my command, but I realize, my Comrades, that you have placed upon my shoulders not only an honor but a responsibility. I am going to take but a few moments of your time. I have a suggestion to make to this Department and with your aid it can be carried out. There are states in this Union that provide for the Grand Army Department of their states. I ask you as Comrades to get a resolution passed in every post and send it to me asking that the Department Commander and the officers use their best efforts to bring before the Legislature next winter a proposition to help pay the expenses of the Grand Army of this state. A very small appropriation that the people would not notice would help us in our declining years. Send me that resolution as fast as you can and I will pledge you my word and honor that no man goes from Wayne county to Lansing who does not promise that he will give us an opportunity to be heard before that body. We have Comrades in this state who need protection. It is not right that any Comrade should be dropped from our rolls because he is poor. Go to the neighbors and say, "Here is a Comrade too poor. We can carry him if you will help him." They will do it. I want the Stars and Stripes laid upon my coffin and I want to see it on every Grand Army man in this state—every Comrade who was in battle. I thank you. (Applause).

(Cries of Jones).

Comrade Jones: Comrades. I hope that I can make myself heard but my throat is not in good condition. I have been yelling too loud for Samuel J. Lawrence. However, I will do the best I can for just a minute. This is not time for long speeches. I want to assure you Comrades that I am not in mourning at all. There has been a good load lifted off my shoulders since the vote was announced. This opportunity has given me the opportunity to grasp the hands of so many of our dear old Comrades. This has enabled me to make firm, staunch, kind friends in all parts of the Department and I shall go home with the feeling that I am still a better Grand Army man than when I came to this Encampment. I am a Grand Army man from start to finish. There is no man in the world, I believe, who holds closer to the Grand Army than myself, but I will stop on that subject because I said I would not make a long speech. If I got in that line I might be talking all day. I want to thank the Comrades for the kind and loving words that have been given. If I could take and believe every statement that was made to me by my friends as a literal absolute truth I would be something as the minister who was trying to impress upon his audience that God made everything, the small as well as the great. He said God made these hills and he also made the little pebbles. God made these great mountains and he also made the little threads of gold that run through the mountains. God made, me; he made a daisy.

This opportunity has enabled me to become better acquainted with Comrade Lawrence. I know him much better than I did before. Not only because I have had a chance to meet him closely but I know his wife. (Applause).

Officer of the Day: There is a delegation of Ladies of the G. A. R. at the door.

The Ladies were escorted to the platform by members of the G. A. R. and each one introduced by Acting Department Commander Dean.

First Lady of the G. A. R.: Comrades of the G. A. R.: We have been appointed to convey to you the greeting of the Girls of the G. A. R. to the Boys of the G. A. R. Remember your blood flows in our veins of which we are proud. We wish to extend to you our congratulations on the election of Brother Lawrence.

Second lady from the Ladies of the G. A. R.: It was a very proud moment when I was put on this committee. You all know that a woman never misses an opportunity to talk. I want to say that it is a pleasure for me to stand before you soldiers of the G. A. R. It is the grandest organization in the world. This is one of the proudest moments in my life. I am glad to be here before you and to bring our greetings. (Applause).

Mrs. Travis: I am very proud to meet so many of you soldiers of the G. A. R. President Roosevelt's wife says that the highest honor that a woman can have in the United States is to be a member of the Ladies of the G. A. R. and I am very glad to bring these greetings to you and I am very glad to be here today.

Mrs. Hinman: Members of the Grand Army. I ought to feel patriotic. I had a number of my family in the Civil War and I just married a son of a veteran. (Great Applause). Every one of them is a Comrade. I tell you we are the order that is going to keep your memory green when you are dead and gone. I am glad to be here to greet you. We gladly extend to you the hand of welcome to come and join us. We are the blood relation. We were girls when you went to war. You will be welcome at any time to join us.

Address from another Lady of the G. A. R.: I had brothers in the Ohio regiments and feel that all of the Comrades are brothers to us. Let us work in harmony. I feel that it is an honor to be a Grand Army man and it is certainly an honor to belong to the Ladies of the G. A. R., because we are yours. My sister stole part of my plunder but I am going to say it just the same.

Badges were pinned on the ladies by the Department officers and they were escorted from the hall.

The Ladies of the G. A. R. presented the following summary of their work for the past year.

REPORT LADIES OF G. A. R.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE LADIES OF THE G. A. R.,
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
DETROIT, MICH., June 24th, 1910.

To the Department Commander of the G. A. R.:

We desire to call your attention to some of the facts concerning our organization and what we are trying to do for those whose memories we honor.

Cash received during the year.....	\$1,118 86
Amount spent for relief	133 02
Relief other than money	428 25
Given to G. A. R. Posts.....	75 00
Flowers furnished to sick, at the funerals of our Comrades and sisters and for Memorial Day.....	50 00

We are ready at all times to render any possible aid and comfort to those who sacrificed so much to save our flag and country.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA M. EARLE,

Dept. President.

CATHERINE S. WAITE,
Dept. Secretary.

Acting Department Commander: The next regular business to come before this Encampment is the election of a Senior Vice Department Commander. I believe it is customary for the Encampment to select the Senior Vice Commander from the city entertaining the Encampment. If Holland has a candidate for Senior Vice, he will be recognized.

Comrade Baumgarten, Post No. 262 (Holland). We have a candidate endorsed by the Post, for the position of Senior Vice Commander, Comrade A. J. Ward, Post 262.

Department Commander: If there is no objection the vote will be cast for Comrade Ward.

Department Commander: There is a motion before the Encampment that the rules be suspended and that the Adjutant General be instructed to cast the vote of this Encampment for Comrade A. J. Ward of Holland for Senior Vice Department Commander.

Department Commander: A. J. Ward, of Holland, having received the vote of this Encampment for Senior Vice Dept. Commander, is elected for the ensuing year.

Comrade Ward called for.

Comrade Ward: Comrades, I wish to thank you for the honor that you have conferred upon me and as I was never known to make a speech my particular fort being telling stories, I will tell you one I heard the other day—A couple of gentlemen were talking the other day and one of them said to the other I understand that you have lost your mother-in-law. The other one said that he understood it was pretty hard to lose

a mother-in-law. Hard, said the other, it is almost impossible. (Applause).

Department Commander: The Assistant Adjutant General will call the roll of districts for the nomination of Junior Vice Commander.

G. I. Nash, of Post No. 57, was nominated as was also A. R. Hodgkins, of Post No. 4. A. R. Hodgkins withdrew his name.

Comrade Jibb: There being no other nominations I move you that the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of this Encampment for Comrade George I. Nash, of Post No. 57, Marcellus for Junior Vice Commander. The Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot as instructed.

Department Commander: George I. Nash, of Post No. 57, Marcellus having received the vote of this Encampment is declared elected Junior Vice Commander for the ensuing year.

Department Commander: The election of a Medical Director is next in order. The Adjutant will call the roll of districts.

Comrade Jibb: I want to see our old friend Dr. W. W. Root, elected to this position and I nominate him. There being no other nominations it was moved that the rules be suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General cast the unanimous vote of this Encampment for Dr. Root for Medical Director for the ensuing year. The Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote as directed.

Dept. Commander: I declare Comrade Root elected as Medical Director.

Department Commander: Now the Department Chaplain should be elected.

Comrade C. H. Brown, Post No. 32: I would nominate for Chaplain the present incumbent, Rev. William Putnam. I would like to have it unanimous. We like our present Chaplain.

Comrade Stone, Post No. 42, Lansing: I move that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to cast the entire vote of this Encampment for Comrade Putnam for the ensuing year. Supported and carried.

It was afterwards moved and supported that Comrade Putnam be appointed Chaplain for the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic for life. Carried.

Comrade Putnam: Comrades, I thank you for the past. I thank you for the present. I thank you forever. (Great applause).

General Byron R. Pierce of Grand Rapids, the only surviving Brigadier General in the state who received his appointment on the field of battle was presented to the Comrades. (Applause).

Comrade Pierce: I took the office of Department Commander when there were but eight Posts in the Department. I was fortunate to have it for two years. I am glad to know that there are so many of you here alive and that I am able to greet such a large number. I thank you all.

Department Commander: The next thing in order will be the election of five members of the Council of Administration. The Assistant Adjutant General will call the roll of districts.

The following comrades were elected on the Council of Administration: R. B. Davis, Post 10; H. Spaulding, Post 20; J. H. French, Post 395; G. Raab, Post 145; and M. D. Richardson, Post 365.

Department Commander: We will listen to the report of the committee on Chaplain's report.

Report of the Committee on Chaplain's report.

Your committee on Chaplain's report would report as follows: 1st. We believe it to be a masterly report for a boy 87 years young. 3rd. As we believe Comrade Wm. Putnam will enjoy his Heavenly home a few years in advance of some of us we say to Chaplain Putnam when he arrives on the golden shore we each and every one of his Comrades request him to have the pearly gates left ajar as his Comrades are only a short ways behind and shall expect to grasp that same loving hand in the sweet bye and bye.

Signed by the committee.

W. C. BARNEY, Chairman.

O. H. GREENFIELD,

F. McELROY,

Committee.

Moved and adopted that the report of the committee on the Chaplain's report be adopted. Carried.

Department Commander: The next thing in order will be the report of the Executive Committee.

Report of Executive Committee of C. of A.

Holland, June 21, 1910.

To the Department Commander: Your committee would respectfully report that we have carefully examined the books and vouchers of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General. We have checked over the accounts of the named officers both as to receipts and expenditures and find the expenditures were over \$200.00 less last year than for several years past. We find balance on hand one year ago \$3,807.36. Balance on hand this date \$4,057.10. We find the receipts from all sources have been \$2,846.50 and that the disbursements as shown by itemized vouchers and receipts have been \$2,596.75, balance on hand \$4,057.10.

We find the books of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General kept in good order. We congratulate the Commander in making such wise choices in the appointment of these officers.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. RAAB,

M. D. RICHARDSON,

H. A. CLUTE,

Executive Committee.

Department Commander: Moved and supported that the committee's report be accepted and adopted. Carried.

Comrade Raab: There was a question submitted to this committee. That was from Comrade Ward of VanRaalte Post. Now, it is a recommendation by Comrade Ward. It is not in the form of a resolution but it is in the form of an application blank. As follows:

APPLICATION.

To the officers and members of the A. C. Van Raalte Post No. 262, Grand Army of the Republic:

I hereby make application for honorary membership in your Post, basing my application on the following facts: I am a loyal, patriotic citizen of the United States, and feel my indebtedness to the veterans of the Civil War for the sacrifices they made that I might enjoy the benefits of Citizenship in the best government in the world. I will consider it an honor to have the privilege of participating in all of the public functions of the Post, and promise my moral and financial support.

Signed.....

Dues \$2.00 per year in advance.

This application accompanied with \$2.00 to be acted upon at any meeting of the Post.

.....Adj.Commander;
Holland, Mich.....1910.

The committee beg leave to make the following report:

We the Executive Committee to which was referred the suggestions made by Comrade A. J. Ward, of A. C. Van Raalte Post No. 262, Department of Michigan G. A. R., beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration and would recommend that in as much as the rules and regulations which govern the G. A. R. prohibit the taking of honorary members they be called associate members and would further recommend its adoption.

G. W. RAAB,
M. D. RICHARDSON,
H. A. CLUTE,

Committee.

A Comrade: I don't think this a matter that should come up to this Encampment to decide. It should be referred to the Posts.

Department Commander: That is right; the question should be decided by the Posts themselves not this Encampment.

Department Commander: The next thing will be the report of the committee on the death of Past Department Commander D. B. K. Van Raalte.

P. H. McBride, Post No. 62: Commander and Comrades, I regret very much that the chairman of the committee, Comrade Willson is sick and unable to be present. I have been requested to read the report of the committee.

Holland, June 22, 1910.

IN MEMORIAM.

DIRK B. K. VAN RAALTE.

Born at Omen, in the Netherlands, in 1844, of Holland descent, he came to this country with his parents at an early age, and on August 22nd, 1862, when eighteen years of age, enlisted in defence of the land of his adoption, as Sergeant in Co. I, 25th Michigan Infantry, for three years. His Regiment was assigned to the 1st Brigade, 2nd Division, 23rd Corps, and he served with it continuously and valiantly through the East Tennessee and Atlanta Campaigns and was wounded in action near Atlanta, Georgia, August 26th, 1864, necessitating the amputation of his right arm at the shoulder. He was honorably discharged at Detroit, Michigan, April 13th, 1865.

He was elected Commander of this Department at Muskegon, in 1903, and ably filled that honored office. He represented the First District of Ottawa county in the State Legislature in 1857-1877 and in 1909, and served as member of the Board of Managers of the Soldiers' Home from 1901 to 1908. He died at his home in Holland, Michigan, Saturday, February 12th, 1910, in the 66th year of his age.

Again are we brought to realize how swiftly "one woe doth tread upon another's heels." Scarcely had our hearts begun to heal of the wounds caused by the death of our loved and honored Department Commander when they are torn afresh on being called upon to stand beside the bier of another comrade dear to us in life and unforgotten in death.

When those whose names are added to the long muster-out roll of our departed comrades have given, in their lives, an exemplification of Fraternity and the limitless practice of Charity,—whose scars, empty sleeves and bent, diseased-laden forms are mute but unimpeachable evidences of their Loyalty, and whose earnest, sturdy spirit of comradeship merits our highest approval, it is eminently fitting that we should, at least, pay such tribute to their memory as can be best expressed in words.

Such an one was Past Department Commander Van Raalte.

In the councils of our beloved order, in the hall of our state legislature and on all suitable occasions, his ringing voice was freely and persistently used in advocating measures and laws for the betterment of the condition of his comrades living and the widows and orphans of those who gave their lives in the cause of Liberty and Justice. With the ardor of his youth and the fires of his patriotism undimmed, he brought to this order valued advice in organization and stability. He was stout of heart,—earnest of purpose,—warm in his friendships,—generous of his time for the benefit of his comrades,—public spirited, genial and detested deceit and hypocrisy in any form. His life was an open book from which all may read and mark; and, reviewing it, learn lessons by which all who dare to do right and fear only to do wrong

may abundantly profit. His loss we mourn with hearts mellowed but not hardened by repeated bereavements, and we do not find it possible, nor do we wish to parry fond remembrances of his sterling manhood and pure life, so abruptly closed.

Therefore we do *Resolve*: That, standing in life's battle-line, with fast depleting ranks, we devoutly bow to the order of our Supreme Commander, which deprives us of the companionship of our beloved Comrade, and with hearts warmed by retrospection, in which bright rays of his genial disposition are so prominent, we hope that when our life dream is completed and we lay down our burdens we may receive a descriptive list of our service in life's battles as honorable and acceptable as that of our Comrade Van Raalte. And be it further

Resolved: That to his family, for whom his great, tender heart beat with such devoted affection, we extend our deepest sympathy and with them lament the loss of a loved counsellor and companion. May the remembrance of his loving care and indulgence part the cloud of grief and gloom which now encompasses them, that through the rift they may catch glimpses of its silver lining.

DAN. J. WILLSON,
P. H. McBRIDE,
LOUIS KANITZ,
Committee.

Moved and supported that the resolutions be adopted by a rising vote. Carried unanimously.

Department Commander: If the committee appointed to draft resolutions on the death of Past Department Commander Geo. L. Holmes is ready we will listen to their report.

D. S. Kimball, Post 17: I have a set of resolutions Commander and Comrades which I wish to present at this time regarding the death of Past Department Commander Geo. L. Holmes.

IN MEMORIAM.

Whereas it has pleased an all wise Providence to remove from the activities of life our beloved Comrade and Past Commander of the Department of Michigan G. A. R. and ordered him to report at the headquarters of the Grand Encampment above.

Whereas in obedience to such order Past Commander Holmes laid down his work here on March 25th, 1910, reported to our Great Commander, thus adding one more to the great host who had preceded him.

Therefore be it resolved by the Department of Michigan G. A. R. in Encampment assembled, that in the removal of Past Commander Holmes

the Department has lost an able Comrade, the G. A. R. an earnest worker, everything that would conduce to advancing the best interest of the order, every soldier a friend and Detroit an honored and highly respected citizen.

Be it further resolved, that this Encampment express its profound sorrow by the removal of its beloved Comrade and hereby extend to the surviving daughter Mrs. Chas. Thom and family of Comrade Holmes its sincere condolence in the hour of their affliction.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent by the Assistant Adjutant General to Mrs. Thom and family as an assurance to her of the high esteem in which Comrade Holmes was held by the G. A. R. of Michigan.

D. S. KIMBALL,
E. K. STARKWEATHER,
C. A. BARTLETT,
Committee on Resolutions.

I move the adoption of the resolution.

Moved and supported that the report of the committee on the death of Past Commander Holmes be adopted by a rising vote. Carried unanimously.

Department Commander: The next thing in order will be the report of the committee on the report of Assistant Quartermaster General.

Your committee on Assistant Quartermaster General's report have the same under consideration and find everything in perfect shape and recommend its adoption.

ROBT. FINCH,
O. T. MOSIER,
Committee.

Moved and supported that the report of the committee be accepted and adopted. Carried.

Department Commander: The Chief Mustering Officer not being able to be present has sent in his report. The Assistant Adjutant General will read the report.

Saginaw, Michigan, June 20, 1910.

J. M. Greenfield, Department Commander, Department of Michigan,
Grand Army of the Republic:

Dear Comrade: As yourself and other Comrades are well aware, the day has gone by, probably never to return, when the duties of the Chief Mustering Officer of this Department were of active character. Therefore, I am unable to report to you at this time the mustering of any new Posts. Our ranks are steadily thinning, and it is well for us to devote our best efforts to holding for the Grand Army the Comrades still living; just as it is well for us to maintain our time honored customs

and time honored offices. Let us continue to abide together to the end as true Comrades, as in the glorious days of the past, and do all in our power to maintain the prestige and strength of our organization.

With greetings and regret at my inability to be personally with you,
I am, as ever,

Your faithful Comrade,
D. K. HALSEY,

Chief Mustering Officer.

Moved and Supported, that the report be accepted and adopted without reference to Committee. Carried.

Department Commander: The Assistant Adjutant General has a communication from Past Department Commander O. A. Janes which he will read at this time.

Detroit, Mich., June 18, 1910.

Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. G., G. A. R., Lansing, Mich.:

My Dear Comrade: I regret exceedingly that I will not be able to attend the Department Encampment of the G. A. R. at Holland next week. June 21-23 is the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Hillsdale college, of which I am a member, and there is important business to come before the Board at its session, so it seems to be very imperative that I should be present in my official relations to the Board.

Also the quinquennial reunion of the alumni of Hillsdale college occurs at these dates, and I also desire very much to be present with them, as these reunions occur only once in five years; and again, the 22nd is the Home Coming of all old residents of Hillsdale and it would give me an opportunity to meet my old acquaintances of "days of yore."

These are the reasons why I must forego attendance at the G. A. R. Encampment, and I desire that you express to the Comrades of the Encampment my great regret at not being able to be present to enjoy the festivities with them and participate in the business of the Encampment.

Hoping that the Encampment will be a pleasant and successful one,
I am

Yours in F. C. and L.,

O. A. JANES,
Past Dept. Commander.

Department Commander: We will hear the report of the committee on the report of the Junior Vice Department Commander.

Holland, Mich., August 22, 1910.

Your committee appointed on the Junior Vice Commander's report beg leave to report that they have examined same and are satisfied that the duties of the office of Junior Vice Commander have been very ably performed and the work very carefully done, for which we feel the report should be accepted.

Respectfully submitted by committee.

O. F. KAYWOOD,
JAMES ARMSTRONG,
R. O'MARA,

Committee.

Department Commander: The next thing will be the report of the committee on resolutions.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Comrade W. G. Gage, Post 38: Department Commander and Comrades: I am requested by Chairman Warren of our committee to read the report. Several resolutions have been referred the committee for its action, we have given the same careful consideration and hereby submit our conclusions.

Comrade P. H. McBride of Post 262, introduced a resolution favoring the erection of monuments on the battle-field of Shiloh and asking the Legislature to appropriate fifteen thousand dollars for erecting said monuments. The following is the resolution.

Holland, August 22, 1910.

Whereas Michigan is the only Northern State that has not placed appropriate monuments commemorating the part taken by Michigan organizations on the battle-field of Shiloh.

And whereas the Twelfth and Fifteenth Infantry and the Second (Ross's) Battery did honorable service on that bloody field, deserving to be given recognition in keeping with their comrades by fitting monuments and markers thereon.

Therefore be it resolved by the G. A. R. of Michigan at its Annual Encampment held at Holland, Michigan, this 23rd day of June, A. D., 1910,—That we, representatives of the Grand Army of the Republic, hereby request and urge upon our next Legislature an appropriation of a sum of money not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars as a fund for the purchasing and placing suitable monuments and markers to the Twelfth and Fifteenth Michigan Infantry Regiments and Second (Ross's) Battery upon the battle-field, now the National Park of Shiloh Tennessee.

P. H. McBRIDE.

Comrade Jay J. Drake of Post 21 also submitted resolutions on the same subject which I will also read.

Whereas the citizens of our grand old state of Michigan through the action of the Legislature have added luster to our history and by their patriotism and devotion to the interests and memory of the Boys from '61-'65.

And whereas by the action of our lawmakers glory has been added to our history as a state by the erection of monuments and markers in commemoration of the valor of Michigan's sons in the National Cemeteries at Gettysburg, Vicksburg and Chicamauga.

Therefore be it resolved at this the Thirty-second Annual Reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan, held at the city of Holland on the 21-22 and 23rd days of June, 1910, ask of the legislature of our grand old state enact a law providing for the erection of a suitable monument to commemorate the valor of Michigan's sons

who fell in the battles of April 6 and 7, 1862. The Michigan organizations participating in that memorable and bloodiest battle were the 12th and 15th Regiments of Infantry and Capt. Ross's Battery B. Light Artillery. More than 150 of Michigan's patriots silently sleep on that ever memorable battle-field of Shiloh.

JAY J. DRAKE,
Chaplain Post 21, G. A. R.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the resolutions. Carried.

Comrade Gage: The next resolution is one offered by Comrade Kanitz with reference to the holding of political meetings in the city where our Encampment is held and is as follows:

Whereas the rules and regulations prohibit politics or religion from discussion in our meetings, therefore should the Local Committee where Department Encampment may be held, inject such matter by inviting political candidates for office to participate in parade or meetings that the Department Commander be and hereby is instructed to notify Local Committee wherein Encampment may be held that such invitation is contrary to our rules and regulations and will not be tolerated and should such Local committee refuse to comply with the order of Department Commander, that he at once with consent of Council of Administration select some other city where Encampment shall be held.

LOUIS KANITZ.

We endorse it also and recommend its adoption. Moved and supported that it be adopted. Carried.

The resolution of Comrade Dixon, Post 17, asking for recognition of the Ladies of the G. A. R. and was read in your hearing is as follows:

Commander Greenfield and Comrades of this Encampment of the State of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic.

WHEREAS: The Woman's Relief Corps and the Ladies of the Grand Army are equally recognized by the National Encampment, and I believe as both are caring for the poor of our Comrades, attending the sick and help to bury the dead, both organizations are by right and should be recognized by this Encampment.

Therefore be it Resolved, that the Woman's Relief Corps and the Ladies of the Grand Army be recognized on the same standing toward the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan.

SAMUEL B. DIXON.

Your committee on resolutions being advised that the subject matter of the within resolutions is not one over which this Department has jurisdiction but properly belongs to the National Encampment. Therefore we recommend, that no action be taken thereon by this Encampment. Signed by the entire committee.

I move, Commander, that the report of the committee be adopted. Supported.

Department Commander: The motion is that the report of the committee be accepted and adopted. Carried.

Comrade Gage: There were a few other resolutions that were brought to the attention of the committee. We recommend the following resolutions:

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, G. A. R.
HOLLAND, June 22, 1910.

Department Commander, Comrades of the Grand Army:

Your committee on resolutions respectfully submit:

Resolved: That we commend the administration of the affairs of the G. A. R. for the year 1910, as efficient, productive of much good to our beloved association and credible to the respective officers of the National and State Departments.

Resolved: That in the selection of the place for holding the National Encampment, the first question to be determined is that of railroad rates, and therefore, that before finally selecting such place these rates should be fixed.

Therefore Resolved: That our delegation to the National Encampment at Atlantic City be and are hereby instructed to use every effort to bring about this result, and that the Encampment require each city desiring to have the meeting to present a schedule of railroad rates with its application before it shall be considered.

Resolved: Your committee especially recommend that careful consideration be given by this Encampment to the recommendations of the several officers and committees of the Department and such action taken thereon as good judgment and the best interests of the order demands.

We recommend that every effort be made by each Post of the Department to prevent the loss of any member except by natural causes, and to this end we urge those of our Comrades who have been blessed with success in civil life and the ladies of our auxiliary associations to see to it that no worthy Comrade be dropped from the rolls for want of sufficient funds to pay his dues.

Finally Resolved: We extend the thanks of this Department to the patriotic citizens of the city of Holland for the generous hospitality and the royal reception which they have extended to us.

We wish in this connection to especially express our appreciation of the splendid work of the committee of arrangements and the local Post of the G. A. R.

LEVI S. WARREN,
WM. G. GAGE,
HENRY S. DEAN,
Committee on Resolutions.

Moved and supported that the report of the committee be adopted.
Carried.

Department Commander: A committee has been appointed to draft resolutions on the death of Past Department Commander Daboll.

Comrade Jos. B. Griswold, Post 5, presented the following resolutions:

WHEREAS: Our esteemed and honored Comrade Sherman B. Daboll, died at his home in St. Johns, Michigan, March 12th, 1910, after a short illness. Comrade Daboll had for some years been in the employ of the government as inspector in the Postoffice Department. He had been detailed for several years to work in the southern states but in January last was by his own request returned for duty to his home state. He was permitted to enjoy the associations of his home friends but a short time when he was taken sick.

Sherman B. Daboll enlisted in the defense of his country July 22, 1862, as private in Co. G. 117, New York Infantry, and was discharged May 9, 1865, at the close of the war. He was a charter member of Chas. E. Grisson Post No. 156, Department of Michigan, G. A. R., was elected Commander of the Post four times. In 1894 was elected as Department Commander of this Department and served the Comrades of this Department with honor to himself and benefit to his Comrades.

Comrade Daboll also served the state as Quartermaster General in 1887-'89, also as Circuit Judge of the 29th Judicial District for six years, therefore be it

Resolved: That in the death of Comrade S. B. Daboll this Department has met with an irreparable loss, a Comrade who loved and exemplified the noble tenets of our order and whose loftiest ambition was to serve his Comrades.

Resolved: That we the members of the 32d Department Encampment do extend to the bereaved family every token of sympathy in this their great bereavement.

"We shall meet but we shall miss him,
There will be one vacant chair."

Resolved: That the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to furnish the widow and family with a copy of these resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. B. GRISWOLD,

WM. JIBB,

FRED SCHNEIDER,

Committee.

Adopted by a rising vote.

Department Commander: I think now we should take up the business of selecting the place for holding our next Encampment. If there are no objections we will listen to invitations, from cities desiring to entertain the next Encampment.

REMARKS IN REGARD TO THE NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

Comrade Stone, Post No. 42, Lansing: I understood the Department Commander to say that you would next entertain invitations for the next meeting. Now, Comrades, I am here in behalf of Foster Post No. 42, of Lansing, representing 275 members. I am here, Comrades, for the purpose of asking you to come to the "Capitol" city to meet next year. I will say that I hold here in my hands a petition from the Common Council of the city of Lansing, signed by every one of them; also the Mayor and the Clerk, inviting you to come. I also hold in my hands an invitation from the Business Men's Association. You were there twenty-two years ago. We have now thirty thousand people more than we had then. There is no question but what we can take care of you in good shape. We have some old comrades there whom you will never see unless you come to Lansing. We have the old flags there in sealed glass cases in the rotunda of the capitol building, and you must come to Lansing to see them. I am voicing the sentiments of my comrades there. As our time is limited I will only trespass long enough to read the invitation from our Business Men's Association.

Lansing, June 12, 1910.

Hon. Geo. W. Stone, Lawrence Price, Col. Frederick Schneider, John Oatley, Post Commander, Encampment Committee, Foster Post No. 42, G. A. R., Lansing, Mich.:

Gentlemen: At a meeting held yesterday afternoon, I was directed to officially extend an invitation, on behalf of the Lansing Business Men's Association to the Michigan Grand Army of the Republic to hold its State Encampment for the year 1910 in the city of Lansing.

In extending this invitation, I desire to assure you that the Business Men's Association, which comprises the best business interests of the city, wishes to assure your post that we will heartily co-operate with you in every way to not only bring the encampment to Lansing, but to see that the veterans and their friends are given a royal welcome and their stay made most pleasant while they are in the city of Lansing.

In taking up the subject of location of the next encampment, it may be well to call their attention to some facts concerning the city of Lansing.

First—We are centrally located and four lines of steam railroads with thirty-nine passenger trains each day and two interurban railroads, one connecting Jackson and the entire southwestern part of the state makes this city a most desirable location for such an event.

Second—The State Capitol, The Michigan Agricultural College, with other state institutions and our two summer resorts, provide a never ending source of entertainment for visitors.

Third—The seat of the state government is located here and department officials will always be found willing to receive visitors on such an occasion and cooperate in making their visit an enjoyable one.

Fourth—We have an excellent system of street railway, which will be

Approved,
JAMES M. GREENFIELD,
Department Commander.

Otsego Hotel, Jackson, Mich., Dec. 17, 1909.

Agreeable to call made by the Department Commander, the Council of Administration met to consider place for holding the next Department Encampment and for the transaction of such other business as might properly come before the meeting.

Meeting called to order by Department Commander. The following responded to the roll call:

Present:

JAMES M. GREENFIELD, Department Commander.

Albert Dunham, Junior Vice Department Commander.

Wm. B. Bostock, Assistant Q. M. General.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.

M. C. Barney, Patriotic Instructor.

Chas. Hamilton, Department Inspector.

George Raab,

H. A. Clute,

D. C. Spears,

M. D. Richardson,

} Member of Council of Administration.

The Department Commander stated the object of the Meeting. Assistant Adjutant General Wyckoff read the invitation from the Mayor and business men of Holland asking that the Encampment be held in that city.

A letter and statement from the committee sent to Holland to investigate and report on the ability of the city of Holland to care for the Encampment was read by Assistant Adjutant General Wyckoff. The committee advising that Holland was able to care for the Encampment. The committee who visited Holland consisted of Department Commander James M. Greenfield, Senior Vice Commander H. P. Shutt and Past Department Commander Louis Kanitz.

The Assistant Adjutant General then read the invitation from the Business Men's Association of Lansing asking that the Department Encampment for 1910 be held in Lansing. This invitation was also supplemented by an invitation from the Mayor and Common Council of the city of Lansing.

Delegations being present from both cities. Motion was made and carried, that they be invited to present their several claims for consideration.

Comrade Ward spoke in behalf of the city of Holland, making an earnest plea. There being no other delegates from Holland, Comrade Raab moved that Lansing be given a hearing. Motion prevailed.

Comrade Geo. W. Stone presented the claims of Lansing with much

earnestness. He then introduced Comrade Price who said Lansing would not be behind any city in giving the boys a good time. E. V. Chilson, secretary of the Lansing Business Men's Association spoke in behalf of that association.

Mayor Bennett spoke in behalf of the whole city and Common Council, pledging their hearty support.

Comrade Stone again urged the committee to accept the invitation from Lansing.

Past Department Commander D. B. K. Van Raalte of Holland having come in while the delegation from Lansing was speaking was permitted to speak in behalf of the city of Holland, making an eloquent plea for his home city. Quite a little sparing between the representatives of the two cities.

Comrade Raab moved that a ballot be taken on the location for holding the next Department Encampment. Carried.

Commander Greenfield appointed Comrade Wm. B. Bostock as teller.

Ballot was taken and the result announced as follows. Total vote 10, of which Holland had 5 and Lansing 5. No choice.

The members engaged in quite a spirited argument for and against Holland.

Comrade Bostock moved that we proceed to a second ballott. Carried.

The result of the second ballot was announced as follows: Total number of votes 10, of which Holland has 6, Lansing 4.

It was then moved that the vote for Holland be made unanimous, which motion prevailed.

Department Commander Greenfield announced that Holland had been chosen as the place for holding the next Encampment.

The Assistant Adjutant General asked as to the use of the fund presented by the Woman's Relief Corps for keeping up the membership of the order. One Post asking that the dues of delinquent members be paid to the Post out of this fund.

After quite a little discussion on the subject it was

Resolved: That the fund known as the W. R. C. fund, be used to pay the Department per capita tax for small and weak Posts where absolutely necessary to keep them from disbanding; also that the funds be used to defray the expenses of some Comrade to visit weak Posts where necessary under the direction of the Department Commander. Carried.

The Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to communicate with the committee at Holland regarding the employment of the "Veteran Drum Corps," advising that the expenses of 25 members only be paid. Carried.

Moved and carried that the dates for holding the 32d Department Encampment be fixed for the week of the 20th of June. Carried.

Comrade Richardson moved that the expenses of the members of the Council of Administration in attendance upon this meeting be paid by the Department. Carried.

The Assistant Adjutant General was authorized to make suitable arrangements for Department Headquarters at Atlantic City. Carried.

On motion Council of Administration adjourned.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Approved,

JAMES M. GREENFIELD,

Department Commander.

Hotel Holland, Holland, Mich., June 21, 1910, 10 a. m.

On call of the Department Commander the Executive Committee, Council of Administration, met in Headquarters room, Hotel Holland.

Present:

James M. Greenfield, Department Commander.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.

Wm. B. Bostock, Assistant Q. M. General.

Geo. Raab,

M. D. Richardson, } Members Executive Committee.

H. A. Clute,

Comrade O. Tomlinson being absent the Department Commander appointed Comrade H. A. Clute to act in his place.

The committee proceeded to examine and audit the books of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Q. M. General and report that they find them correct. As follows:

Received from James E. White, Post Asst. Q. M. General..	\$3,807 36
Received from Asst. Adjutant General Wyckoff.....	2,719 22
Interest	127 28
Total receipts	<hr/> \$6,653 86
Total disbursements as shown from itemized vouchers....	2,596 76
Balance on hand	<hr/> \$4,057 10
This amount being in the following funds.	
W. R. C. Fund	\$860 63
Alger Fund	1,000 00
General Fund	2,196 47
	<hr/> \$4,057 10

Comrade Raab moved that the railroad fare of the members of the Executive Committee in attendance at this meeting be paid. Carried.

The bill of Judge Advocate Burroughs for expense of typewriter (in copying opinions) amounting to \$5.00 be paid. Carried.

Moved by Comrade Raab that the railroad fare of the members of the Credential Committee be paid. Carried.

Moved that we recommend that the rules governing the National Encampment, govern the Department Encampment, if there be no objections. Carried.

On motion committee adjourned.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Approved,
JAMES M. GREENFIELD,
Department Commander.

Holland, Mich., June 21, 1910, 2 p. m.

Pursuant to the call of the Department Commander. The Council of Administration met at Headquarters room in the Hotel Holland.

Meeting called to order by Department Commander Greenfield.

Present:

James M. Greenfield, Department Commander.
 H. P. Shutt, Senior Vice Department Commander.
 Albert Dunham, Junior Vice Department Commander.
 Wm. Putnam, Department Chaplain.
 Chas. Hamilton, Department Inspector.
 L. H. Ives, Chief of Staff.
 Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.
 Wm. B. Bostock, Assistant Quartermaster General.
 M. D. Richardson, }
 Geo. Raab, } Council of Administration.
 H. A. Clute, }

Comrade Raab reported the result of the examination of the books of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General by the Executive Committee very satisfactory, with the following result:

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The members expressed themselves as satisfied with the financial showing and that the Department Commander and his Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General be commended for the fine showing made.

Some informal discussions were had on matters pertaining to the Department but no formal action was taken.

There being no further business, on motion the Council of Administration adjourned.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Approved,
 JAMES M. GREENFIELD,
Department Commander.

GENERAL ORDERS ISSUED.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
CAPITOL, LANSING, June 26, 1909.

General Orders, No. 1, Series 1909-10.

The Thirty-first Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic, held at Kalamazoo, Mich., June 22-24, having elected me as Department Commander for the ensuing year, and having been duly installed, I hereby assume command, and in doing so, desire to express to the Comrades of the Department my heartiest thanks for the honor bestowed upon me.

Fully realizing the great responsibility resting upon me, I enter upon its duties with a determination to give my best effort to advance the good of the Department and the interest of the Comrades. I wish to reiterate what has so often been said by my predecessors, and I say it not with formality but with earnestness of feeling, during the year let us again make a united effort to bring into our ranks and under the folds of the banner of the Grand Army, every Comrade who served in that *Grand Army* that saved us a Nation.

For this laudable purpose I earnestly ask for the hearty co-operation of all my Comrades in the Department.

2. The following appointments on the Staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced.

Fayette Wyckoff, Post 38, Lansing, Mich., Assistant Adjutant General; W. B. Bostock, Post 5, Grand Rapids, Assistant Quartermaster General. They will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

Other appointments will be made in future orders.

3. The time is short before the meeting of the National Encampment. Let all who expect to attend commence to arrange early. It is expected to arrange for a special train to run through without change, and all are invited to go on that train of which notice will be given early.

4. The personal address of the Department Commander is Flushing, Mich.

All official communications should be sent to Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Capitol, Lansing, Mich.

JAMES M. GREENFIELD,
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
CAPITOL, LANSING, July 3, 1909.

General Orders, No. 2, Series 1909-10.

1. At the Thirty-first Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic, held at Kalamazoo, Michigan, June 22-24, the following officers were elected and duly installed:

Department Commander, James M. Greenfield, Post 89, Flushing.

Senior Vice Department Commander, Henry P. Shutt, Post 79, Kalamazoo.

Junior Vice Department Commander, Albert Dunham, Post 48, Jackson.

Medical Director, John C. Salmon, Post 252, Howard City.

Department Chaplain, Rev. Wm. Putnam, Post 42, Lansing.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Henry A. Clute, Post 166, Marshall.

O. Tomlinson, Post 269, Plainwell.

Geo. Raab, Post 145, Flint.

M. D. Richardson, Post 365, Lake City.

D. C. Spears, Post 10, Dundee.

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FORTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

Wm. Davey (At Large), Post 17, Detroit, 87 Euclid Ave.

John L. Wild, Post 17, Detroit, 117 Avery Ave.

James Knowles, Post 10, Dundee.

J. J. Holmes, Post 111, Eaton Rapids.

Geo. A. B. Cook, Post 72, Three Rivers.

Robert Finch, Post 5, Grand Rapids.

M. C. Barney, Post 145, Flint.

Alfred J. West, Post 98, Port Huron.

E. Howard, Post 214, Millington, R. F. D. 3.

R. C. Norris, Post 461, Cadillac.

J. G. Berry, Post 263, Vanderbilt.

Flexton Ludington, Post 141, Howard City, R. F. D. 3.

Ira Carley, Post 300, Eagles.

W. D. Frost, Post 5, Grand Rapids.

Henry Spaulding, Post 20, Hartford.

A. L. Bryant, Post 255, Mayville.

Daniel L. Mevis, Post 42, Lansing.

Hope Welch, Post 45, Adrian.

H. A. Chapin, Post 31, Paw Paw.

W. H. Beasley, Post 101, Ithaca.

Griffin Lewis, Post 67, Bay City.

ALTERNATES.

Francis McElroy (At Large), Post 144, Lapeer.

Geo. H. Maxwell, Post 17, Royal Oak.

Matt Burt, Post 110, Hudson.

Wm. L. Dunn, Post 40, Ganges.
Wm. Bomgartel, Post 262, Holland.
Frank W. Thayer, Post 197, Holly.
David R. Lang, Post 144, Lapeer.
Riley L. Jones, Post 38, Saginaw.
G. W. Wheeler, Post 461, Boon.
Wm. Barrett, Post 378, West Bay City.
James Donaldson, Post 101, Ithaca.
P. C. Beanston, Post 300, Marquette.
James Armstrong, Post 89, Flushing.
R. M. Ballenger, Post 32, Battle Creek.
D. C. Spears, Post 10, Azalia.
William A. Baker, Post 364, Coleman.
O. F. Kaywood, Post 48, Jackson.
William Wells, Post 286, Fife Lake.
Wm. Walter, Post 101, Ithaca.
H. H. Collins, Post 120, Howell.

2. The following official staff is hereby announced:

Assistant Adjutant General, Fayette Wyckoff, Lansing.
Assistant Quartermaster General, Wm. B. Bostock, Grand Rapids.
Judge Advocate, Samuel W. Burroughs, Detroit.
Chief Mustering Officer, D. K. Halsey, Saginaw.
Patriotic Instructor, M. C. Barney, Flint.
Department Inspector, Chas. Hamilton, Bronson.
Chief of Staff, L. H. Ives, Mason.
Senior Aide, John W. Burns, Port Huron.

3. Official communications and all remittances should be made to Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Lansing, Mich.

Personal communications to the Department Commander should be sent to Flushing, Mich.

The following Comrades are appointed as Aide-de-Camp:

Elnathan George, Post 1, Soldiers' Home.
G. A. Whitbeck, Post 3, Whitehall.
W. D. Frost, Post 5, Grand Rapids.
O. Hancock, Post 6, Hillsdale.
Wm. R. Jones, Post 7, Muskegon.
H. E. Waterman, Post 9, Hesperia.
R. B. Davis, Post 10, Dundee.
Chas. C. Newkirk, Post 13, Harbor Springs.
W. F. Kimball, Post 14, Benton Harbor.
Jos. H. Powell, Post 16, Evart.
Thos. Davey, Post 17, Detroit.
G. A. Stearns, Post 18, Traverse City.
F. J. Merchant, Post 21, St. Joseph.
J. M. Robb, Post 25, Ogden Center.
John Reed, Post 31, Paw Paw.
V. D. Starr, Post 38, Saginaw.
Allen S. Shattuck, Post 42, Lansing.

John A. Wardell, Post 42, Lansing.
 A. A. Lombard, Post 60, Leslie.
 L. A. L. Gilbert, Post 67, Bay City.
 True Hart, Post 69, Midland.
 Bishop E. Andrews, Post 72, Three Rivers.
 James E. White, Post 79, Kalamazoo.
 Cyrus Phelps, Post 89, Flushing.
 Chas. Strewing, Post 95, Flat Rock.
 E. G. Spaulding, Post 98, Port Huron.
 C. W. Higgins, Post 98, Port Huron.
 J. O. Probasco, Post 100, Muir.
 Geo. H. Turner, Post 109, Coldwater.
 O. H. Greenfield, Post 125, Hastings.
 Joseph Rush, Post 145, Flint.
 D. S. Howard, Post 147, Pontiac.
 J. W. Holmes, Post 152, Alma.
 David Walkinshaw, Post 166, Marshall.
 Alex. Worden, Post 170, Petoskey.
 Arno Jaching, Post 174, Hancock.
 W. C. Watson, Post 200, Carleton.
 A. G. Miller, Post 203, Stockbridge.
 John Jackson, Post 238, Coopersville.
 O. Palmer, Post 240, Grayling.
 John A. Higgins, Post 250, Mt. Pleasant.
 Benj. Van Raalte, Post 262, Holland.
 John G. Berry, Post 263, Vanderbilt.
 Benoni Lachance, Post 289, Mackinac Island.
 E. C. Moore, Post 294, Big Rapids.
 P. C. Beanston, Post 300, Marquette.
 E. Wade Monroe, Post 303, Schoolcraft.
 James Scutt, Post 350, Sand Lake.
 G. B. Sherwood, Post 352, Manchester.
 Arba M. Seymour, Post 384, Detroit.
 C. A. Beebe, Post 395, Grand Rapids.
 Geo. P. Cobb, Post 419, Bay City.
 Wm. N. Siggins, Post 433, Detroit.
 Isaac Grant, Post 451, Reed City.
 W. C. Bouch, Post 455, Montrose.
 G. W. Wheeler, Post 461, Boon.
 They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

REPORTS.

4. Posts that have not as yet sent in their reports are reminded that the early date of the National Encampment makes it imperative that they be sent in at once—Post Commanders, please take note.

The Department Chaplain reports that there are about one hundred Posts that have not sent in their Memorial Day reports. Adjutants and Chaplains will see that these reports are sent to the Department Chaplain.

5. Comrades are requested to inform these Headquarters of the dates for holding reunions, as many inquiries as to dates and names of officers are received and information is needed to answer these inquiries.

6. Delegates elected to the National Encampment are requested to notify the Assistant Adjutant General if they will go. Do not delay this as alternates must be notified and time for making arrangements is short.

It is expected that Michigan will be present with a full delegation.

By Command of

JAMES M. GREENFIELD,
Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Asst. Adj. Genl.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
CAPITOL, LANSING, Sept. 25, 1909.

General Orders No. 3, Series 1909-10.

1. The Forty-third National Encampment held at Salt Lake City, Utah, August 9-14, 1909, is now a memory, owing to the long distance from our base of supplies. Not as large a number of the Comrades from this Department were in attendance as at other Encampments. The members of the Grand Army were most enthusiastically welcomed by the intelligent and warm hearted people of that modern city, a city builded in what was called the desert a little over fifty years ago.

The Grand Army of the Republic has every reason to feel grateful for the hospitable reception given them, is was of that open freedom that comes from the heart and reaches the heart.

2. The Department Commander wishes to extend personal thanks to all the Comrades present who braved the heat of the day and participated in the parade on Wednesday, the 11th. The continuous applause from the great crowd of spectators evidenced the warmth of their greetings to the boys of '61 and '65 who in advanced age took up the line of march with the stately "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp," of the days of yore.

Every delegate was present except three and their places were well filled by the alternates. Their attendance upon the business sessions of the Encampment were constant and in nearly every important matter the delegation voted as a unit.

3. Our headquarters at the Cullen Hotel were centrally located and constantly filled with visiting Comrades and friends.

The Department Commander desires to acknowledge the efficient services of Asst. Adj. Genl. Fayette Wyckoff, L. H. Ives, Chief of Staff and Comrades Henry Spaulding, Geo. L. Holmes, Hope Welch, John W. Burns and others for their valuable assistance at Headquarters in entertaining visiting Comrades and friends.

At the business meetings of the Encampment held on the 12th and 13th, Comrades Saml. R. VanSant of the Department of Minnesota was elected Commander-in-Chief and Atlantic City, New Jersey selected as the place for holding the Encampment in 1910.

The Department of Michigan has been honored in the appointment of Past Department Commander R. R. Pealer of Three Rivers, as Judge Advocate General on the staff of Commander-in-Chief VanSant.

4. To the Department President of the W. R. C., Nellie Dodge Whitbeck and her officers and the other ladies who accompanied us, we tender our grateful thanks, for without their cheerful presence the long journey would have lost its pleasure and the great parade its interest.

5. Comrade Riley L. Jones was named as member of Committee on Resolutions and Comrade J. G. Berry as member of the National Council of Administration.

6. The following Standing Committees of the Department are hereby announced:

Committee to Visit Soldiers' Home—Thos. S. McGraw, Post 384, Detroit; Riley L. Jones, Post 38, Saginaw; Levi S. Warren, Post 210, Albion.

Legislative Committee—D. B. K. Van Raalte, Post 262, Holland; Russell R. Pealer, Post 72, Three Rivers; E. C. Cannon, Post 16, Evart.

INSPECTION.

7. The Department Commander has decided after much deliberation to order an inspection of the Posts of this Department. All Post Commanders are requested to make arrangements for inspection to take place between October 1st and December 31st. The Department Commander would suggest that a Past Post Commander be selected for inspector, or where available, that Department Officers be called upon. Detail for inspection will be made upon request of the Post Commanders.

Courtesy demands that the expenses of assistant inspectors be paid where detail is asked for outside of the Post.

Blanks for report of Post Inspectors will be sent to the Adjutants of the Posts about October 15th. The Adjutant will see that they are placed in the hands of the inspector.

The fall and winter work is now before us and the Department Commander again urges each Officer and Comrade to earnestly work to bring in recruits for our ranks. Look over the delinquent list, there are many Comrades on this list who by urgent solicitation can be restored to good standing. Comrades do not let this plea be in vain, let every Comrade feel that he has an interest in every Comrade in his Post and not only those in the Post, but the Comrade who unfortunately is outside the Post. Let us exercise the spirit of the tenets of our noble Order and see how quick the spirit of indifference will vanish and the Posts of the Department built up. Will you not make the effort?

LAWS.

8. At the last session of the Legislature laws for the benefit of old soldiers and their widows were passed and approved by the Governor as follows:

Act No. 309, Public Acts 1909. Exemption of Soldiers and Soldiers' widows Homestead, from taxation to the amount of \$1,200.00. Also Act No. 252, Public Acts 1909 providing for the burial of the bodies of certain honorable discharged soldiers, their wives or widows, was amended to include army nurses, and the amount to be expended increased from \$40.00 to \$55.00.

A copy of section of the Exemption Act, that part covering the Sol-

It is suggested for the benefit of all that these be read in the Post meetings several times so that the Comrades may become familiar with these important Acts.

By order of

JAMES M. GREENFIELD,
Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Asst. Adj. Gen.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
CAPITOL, LANSING, NOV. 26, 1909.

General Order No. 4, Series 1909-10.

General Orders No. 3 from National Department accompany these orders.

1. Agreeable to rules of our order the annual election of Post officers and representatives and alternates to thirty-second department encampment will be held at the first regular meeting in December.

Posts are entitled to one representative and alternate for every 50 members or fraction of more than one-half of that number. Every Post, however, is entitled to one delegate however small its membership.

It is the custom of some Posts to elect Past Post Commanders as delegates, this they should not do, as Past Post Commanders, if in good standing, are members of the Encampment.

POST ELECTION RETURNS.

2. Post Commanders and Adjutants are requested to fill out the election returns and forward them as soon after election as possible. The Assistant Adjutant General depends upon the returns for making the Roster of Posts and Post Commanders of the Department, delay in transmittal of returns delays the work of his office.

CREDENTIALS.

Duplicate credential blanks are sent to each Post, these should be filled out with the name of each Delegate and Alternate, and of all Past Post Commanders in good standing. Much trouble and more or less bad feeling has been caused through the failure to enter the names of Past Post Commanders in good standing on the credential list. If a name is left off, the Credential Committee naturally supposes that the Comrade is dead or is not in good standing, then when the Comrade comes to the Encampment and claims his right to a seat in the Encampment there is trouble. All this may be avoided if credential blanks are carefully filled out.

REPORTS.

3. Blanks A and B for semi-annual reports will be sent to the Adjutants of all Posts before the first of December. These semi-annual reports should be filled out and forwarded to Headquarters, at Lansing.

immediately after the last meeting in December. The present officers are charged with the duty of making these reports. Comrades who have died, been suspended, discharged or transferred during the term only should be reported, and full name with Regiment and Company must be given as required on the blanks, before filling out read carefully the instructions found on each blank, then fill out as required, this will greatly assist the work of the Assistant Adjutant General, in which it is hoped you are all interested. The per capita tax which is 12½ cents per member must accompany the reports.

Send draft or postoffice and express money order payable to the order of the Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R. Do not send personal checks, as there is an additional cost in their collection.

The Adjutant will see that the enclosed blanks for report of Post Patriotic Instructor with addressed envelope are given to the Post Patriotic Instructor.

Post Commanders are charged with seeing that all reports are made up and promptly forwarded to Department Headquarters. The Post Commander's name should be signed to the semi-annual reports, but before placing his signature to the same should assure himself of its correctness. Neglect to properly make out the reports gives the officers of the Department much unnecessary work in correspondence to secure corrections. Your attention is also called to the delay on the part of many Posts in forwarding their reports, this delay on the part of Post officers causes corresponding delay on the part of Department officers in forwarding their reports to National Headquarters.

The reports of the Department officers are due at National Headquarters, January 20th. The work of compiling and making out these reports is no small task, and Post Commanders and Adjutants will give these matters their especial attention.

INSTALLATION OF POST OFFICERS.

Post officers elected to serve for the year 1910 must be installed at the first meeting held in January; mustering officers are charged to see that reports have been forwarded to Department Headquarters before installing the new officers, where no other detail is made the Senior Past Post Commander present will act as mustering officer.

Posts desiring a special detail of a mustering officer from another Post should make due application for such detail to Department Headquarters at an early date. Any expense incurred by the Comrade selected must be paid by the Post asking for the detail.

The Chief Mustering Officer and other Department officers should be available for such work.

Your present Department Commander, like his predecessors, is favorably impressed with the benefits resulting from joint public installation of the officers of the Post and Woman's Relief Corps and most earnestly recommend that where possible this be carried out and do not fail to interest the public who are your friends.

The Journal of the Forty-third National Encampment, held at Salt Lake City, Utah, is now ready for distribution, but forty copies so far have been sent to this Department, on account of the large expense necessary to mail them, they will be sent only to those requesting them

careless spectators that could be read with interest at Post meetings, besides other information relative to our order that all should know.

It is painfully evident that the per cent of loss this year will exceed that of any preceding year. The Commander desires to urge upon the posts that there be no other loss than that by death, and an earnest appeal is made to the Comrades "As they value their honor. As they value the ties of comradeship not to abandon our weakening ranks." As we responded to the call of "Father Abraham" for three hundred thousand more so let us respond to the call to recruit the Posts. Never in the history of our organization has it been held in such high esteem as now. "Let us strive to maintain our good name and increase our numbers."

Comrades—These General Orders will not reach you until after the day set apart for Special Thanksgiving. Notwithstanding your Department Commander desires to express his gratitude to Our Heavenly Father for the special blessings and causes for thanksgiving, so innumerable that have come to the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. Let us continue to give our best endeavor to the work of the order we love so well.

By order of

JAMES M. GREENFIELD,

Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Assistant Adjutant Gen.

BLANKS SENT.

Blank Form A and B for semi-annual report to be filled out and forwarded immediately after the last meeting in December.

Blank Credentials to be filled and forwarded with Post election returns, one copy of Credentials to be retained by the Post and sent by delegates attending the Encampment.

Blank for Election return of officers elected and appointed for 1910.

Blanks for Post Patriotic Instructors, to be filled out and sent to Department Patriotic Instructor M. C. Barney.

Return Envelopes.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

CAPITOL, LANSING, April 5, 1910.

General Orders, No. 5, Series 1909-10.

Comrades will bear in mind that the 32d Annual Department Encampment will be held in the city of Holland, June 21, 22 and 23. Post Commanders, Past Post Commanders and elected delegates or their alternates are members of the Encampment, and all should make early arrangements to be present.

The patriotic citizens of Holland are making preparations to care for every one. The dormitories of the college will be open to accommodate guests, and the citizens will open their homes, where hundreds can be accommodated at very normal prices. Then too, the delightful resort hotels on the shores of Lake Michigan will be open to entertain all

who may come. You may be assured that ample accommodations will be provided, and the loyal, patriotic citizens are making every preparation to give the Grand Army of the Department of Michigan a royal entertainment, and as they say, to extend through the entire week. So come prepared to stay and enjoy the occasion. More complete details will be given in future Orders.

The Officers of the Department are requested to have their reports ready and a copy to be sent to the Assistant Adjutant General by June 1st. This request also applies to all standing committees.

The Department is in correspondence with the Michigan Passenger Association in an effort to secure reduced rates over the railroads in Michigan for the Encampment. The results will be made known later.

Headquarters of the Department of Michigan will be established at the Hotel Holland, where a general registration will be provided for all Comrades visiting the Encampment.

The citizens of Holland have appointed the following committee to arrange for the entertainment of the Encampment:

Executive Committee—Mayor Henry Bruss, Otto P. Kramer, Chas. A. Floyd, Henry Geerlings, B. VanRaalte, Jr.

Chairman of committees are announced as follows:

Executive Committee—Mayor Henry Bruss.

Committee on Entertainment and Quarters—Ben VanRaalte, Jr.

Committee on Program and Publicity—Chas. A. Floyd.

Committee on Parade—B. Van Raalte, Sr.

W. R. C. and L. of G. A. R. Entertainment Committee—Mrs. Clara Elferdink.

Comrades desiring to secure quarters at Holland, should write to Ben Van Raalte, Jr., Chairman of Committee on Entertainment.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Memorial Day is fast approaching and the Posts of this Department are requested to commence early preparations for the observance of the day by securing speakers, interesting the pupils of the schools and securing the assistance and cooperation of all kindred patriotic associations. The Department Commander hopes to receive a report of the proper observance of the day from every post in the Department.

SOUTHERN MEMORIAL FUND.

The attention of the Posts of this Department is earnestly called to the appeal made by the National Department in General Orders No. 3 Current Series, for contributions to the Southern Memorial Fund. In order that the graves of our 300,000 comrades, who died on battlefield, hospital or in prison pen, now resting in National Cemeteries in the south may receive proper attention on Memorial Day. The Comrades in the Southern Departments have until recently performed this loving work, but the long distance to be traveled and the expense connected therewith have made it necessary for their Northern Comrades to furnish financial assistance.

Contributions to the fund should be sent to Adjutant General Geo. O. Eddy, 317 Bank of Commerce Building, Minneapolis, Minn.

IN MEMORIAM.

Again it becomes our painful duty to announce the death of one more of our Past Department Commanders. George L. Holmes died at his home in Detroit on Friday, March 25th, aged 69 years.

Comrade Holmes enlisted in Company C, First Michigan Cavalry, Aug. 16, 1861 at Detroit. Reenlisted Dec. 21, 1863, and transferred to Co. H. Promoted to Sergeant Major Nov. 18, 1864, commissioned Second Lieutenant Company B, March 24, 1865, discharged March 22, 1866, after nearly five years of continuous active service.

Comrade Holmes joined Fairbanks Post No. 17, Detroit, and at once became an active and leading spirit in its affairs, serving as Post Commander in 1904.

At the Department Encampment held in Detroit in June, 1908, Comrade Geo. L. Holmes was elected Senior Vice Department Commander. On the death of Department Commander Chas. E. Foot, which occurred June 5, 1909, Senior Vice Department Commander Geo. L. Holmes succeeded to Department Commander, filling the office with ability for the remainder of the term. Thus another faithful comrade has answered to the last roll call. As is customary the charters of the Posts will be draped for a period of thirty days.

By order of

JAMES M. GREENFIELD,

Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Asst. Adjt. Gen.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
CAPITOL, LANSING, April 25, 1910.

General Orders, No. 6, Series 1909-10.

MEMORIAL DAY.

It is 42 years since the first order for the observance of Memorial Day was issued by our then illustrious Commander-in-Chief John A. Logan.

For 42 years the members of the Grand Army of the Republic have annually assembled to pay their tribute of respect and honor to their fallen comrades. Again on Monday, May 30th, 1910, the Posts of this Department will assemble to pay honor to their departed Comrades in a proper observance of the day. Comrades, we are the living witnesses of the gigantic struggle for the preservation of the unity of our loved

country. We are proud of the history we helped to make in those four years of gigantic war. We look with pitying eye upon the broken forms of Comrades still with us, the memories of the past, the scenes of strife, are continually passing before us; so are the forms and faces of Comrades who long ago passed from our sight. Let us remember them and on the 30th of May pay tribute to their memory by strewing upon their last resting place the beautiful flowers of spring time, tokens of love and respect, let us keep alive the spirit of patriotism and love of country in our own hearts, by imparting the same spirit in the hearts of those coming after us, and how better can we do this than in the observance of Memorial Day. We honor ourselves by honoring our noble dead. "Sweet be their slumber, unfaltering their glory, and undying their fame."

Every Post and Comrade of the Grand Army, the soldiers of the Spanish-American war, the members of the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Sons of Veterans, military organizations, civic societies, city officers, teachers and pupils of the public schools, are cordially invited to unite in the general ceremonies of Memorial Day.

The Posts and Comrades will make suitable arrangements for holding memorial services on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day by attending divine service.

Post Patriotic Instructors will, when the cooperation of the school authorities can be secured, arrange for visiting the public schools on the last school day preceding Memorial Day. Report of this work will be made to M. C. Barney, Department Patriotic Instructor, Flint, Mich.

Post Commanders are charged with the duty of seeing that proper committees are appointed to carry out all arrangements for the observance of the day. All Department and Post officers will lend a helping hand in perfecting the arrangements for memorial services.

Post Chaplains, and in their absence Post Adjutants, will make out the Memorial Day report on blanks, properly furnished, immediately after Memorial Day and forward the same to Wm. Putnam, Department Chaplain, Lansing, Mich.

MOTHERS' DAY.

The attention of Comrades is called by General Orders from National Headquarters to the observance of "Mothers' Day." The second Sunday of May has been designated as "Mothers' Day." On that day all Comrades are requested to wear, in the lapel of their coat, a white carnation or other white flower to honor the memory of your own mother, if deceased, and in reverence for her if living.

It is desirable that every Comrade should observe this simple and beautiful custom in honor of our devoted mothers.

FLAG DAY.

Let us in obedience to General Orders observe the 14th of June as "Flag Day." "The Comrades are requested on that day to display their flags from their homes and places of business, also to urge their friends and neighbors to do likewise."

By order of

JAMES M. GREENFIELD,

Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Asst. Adjt. Gen. G. A. R.

General Orders, No. 7, Series 1909-10.

1. As previously announced the Thirty-Second Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic will be held in the City of Holland, June 21, 22 and 23.

Tuesday, June 21, will be assembly day.

The Executive Committee, Council of Administration, will meet promptly at 9 a. m. in the parlor of Hotel Holland, to audit the books and accounts of the Assistant Quartermaster General and the Assistant Adjutant General. Comrades having accounts against the Department should present them at this meeting.

The Council of Administration will meet at the same place at 4 p. m. for such business as may come before it.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.

3. The Credential Committee will meet in the annex, Hotel Holland, at 2 p. m., June 21, where delegates will present their credentials and receive the delegates badge. The following Comrades will constitute the Credential Committee: Assistant Adjutant General, Fayette Wyck-off; Henry Spaulding, Post 20; Dan. J. Wilson, Post 48; William Baumgartel, Post 262; H. A. Chapin, Post 31.

GENERAL REGISTRATION.

4. The general registration will be in the lobby of the Hotel Holland, and will be in charge of Comrade C. N. Dickinson, Post 75. Every Comrade should register.

5. A reception will be held in parlor of Hotel Holland, Tuesday evening from 7 to 8 o'clock in honor of Commander-in-chief Van Sant, National president of the W. R. C., Department Commander and Staff. All Comrades and friends of the Grand Army are welcome.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22.

6. Business Session of the Encampment will convene at 9:30 a. m., Wednesday, June 22, in Carnegie Hall.

At 2 p. m. the annual parade will take place. The Grand Army will be escorted by Troop C from South Haven. Comrade Benjamin Van Raalte, Sr. Chief Marshall; Comrade L. H. Ives, Chief of Staff, acting as first assistant with such other aides as may be necessary. All Comrades are expected to take part in the parade. The line of march will be short, not exceeding one mile. Other information will be issued by the local committee.

CAMPFIRES.

8. The Children's Campfire will be held in Carnegie Hall, evening of June 21st. Ex-Governor Peck of Wisconsin, Congressman Diekema, Department Patriotic Instructor of G. A. R., M. C. Barney, Department

Patriotic Instructor of W. R. C., Bessie E. Dering, will present the flag to the High School. Good music and an interesting time is predicted.

The General Campfire on Wednesday evening will be addressed by Commander-in-Chief Samuel R. Van Sant, Senator Burrows and Smith, Congressman Washington Gardner, E. L. Hamilton and Diekema. A double quartette will sing Patriotic Songs and a fine orchestra will furnish inspiring music.

9. Comrade P. H. McBride of Post 262 is hereby detailed as Officer of the Day for the encampment and Comrade John Kramer, Post 262, as Officer of the Guard.

The Commander of A. C. Van Raalte Post No. 262, will detail 6 or more comrades, as it may be necessary, for guard duty during the encampment. These officers and guards are requested to wear uniforms and arms.

ACCOMMODATIONS.

10. All desiring to secure accommodations in advance of their arrival in the city should write to B. Van Raalte, Jr., chairman of committee on accommodations. State kind of accommodations wanted and for how many. It will be desirable for two to occupy a bed in many cases, so if you have a comrade coming with you arrange to occupy same room if possible.

A bureau of information will be established at the Hotel Holland at 9 a. m., June 21st, and will be in session until 9 p. m.; will also be in session on the morning of the 22d, and continue in session as long as may be necessary.

Ample accommodations will be provided for all who attend.

Hotel Holland rates, \$2.50 to \$3.50 per day, American Plan; other hotels, \$1.00 to \$2.00 per day.

Accommodations in private houses, 50c to \$1.00; meals 25c.

The resort hotels will also be open for your accommodation at reasonable rates.

RAILROAD FARE.

11. The Michigan Passenger Association has granted a one and one-half fare for the round trip where the regular fare is in excess of \$1.00. Where fare is less than one dollar no reduction is made. Be sure and ask for excursion ticket when purchasing your ticket.

The Grand Rapids, Holland and Chicago Ry. (Trolley line) will run cars leaving Grand Rapids every 20 minutes; fare from Grand Rapids to Holland and return, 90c.

It is expected that the Pere Marquette R. R. will put on extra trains to connect with trains at Grand Rapids. More information will be given later.

12. Arrangements are being made for car rides to Macatawa Park and Ottawa Beach; excursions on lake steamers and automobile rides about the city and parks.

The citizens of Holland have promised to give the Grand Army a royal reception and there is no doubt but they will keep their promise.

13. Blanks, form A and B for semi-annual reports of adjutants and quartermaster for the term ending June 30th, accompanying these orders. Also blanks for Post chaplain's Memorial Day report, and blanks for report of Post Patriotic Instructor.

Adjutant and quartermaster's reports should be sent in to the Assistant adjutant General at headquarters, Lansing, not later than July 1st.

Post Chaplain's report to be sent to Wm. Putnam, Department Chaplain, Lansing, Mich. Post Patriotic Instructors will send their reports to M. C. Barney, Department Patriotic Instructor, Flint, Mich.

As there seems to be some misunderstanding as to the time the semi-annual reports should be forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General, the following instructions taken from the Blue Book will be observed:

"The Post Adjutant and Post Quartermaster must prepare, under the direction of the Post Commander, the reports and returns required."

"These reports are to be forwarded by the Post Commander to the Assistant Adjutant General on the first days of January and July."

"With timely attention there should be no difficulty in making up the reports on the day following the last meeting of the term."

"A Post Commander desirous of making a good record for his Post at Department headquarters will have his reports in the mail on the dates prescribed."

The Commander should compare the reports before forwarding them and see that the "Number in good standing on Form A," and the "Balance cash on hand" Form B, on the retained copies for the previous term have been properly brought forward.

Many errors are creeping into the reports by failure of quartermasters to report those who have been reinstated from suspended list by payment of dues. Do not trust to memory but keep a list of the suspended and when they pay their dues or are reinstated, proper record should be made.

Another serious error in making reports is in going outside of the six months term and reporting comrades as suspended or dead who were reported six months ago and possibly a year ago. A comparison of reports with retained copies of previous reports will prevent many errors.

FLAG DAY.

The Post Commanders of every Post in this Department are directed to order his Post Patriotic Instructor to take steps to properly observe *Flag Day*, the 14th of June.

By Command of

JAMES M. GREENFIELD,

Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
CAPITOL, LANSING, July 3, 1909.

Special Orders, No. 1, Series 1909-10.

TO SALT LAKE CITY, AUGUST 9-14.

1. The Department Commander and committee have selected as the official route for the Department to Salt Lake City—the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and Union Pacific Railways.

Special headquarters train, consisting of baggage car, reclining chair coach, Tourist and Standard Pullman Sleepers will leave union depot, Adams and Canal streets, Chicago, 10 p. m., Friday, August 6th.

TICKETS.

Will be on sale going August 5, 6, 7 and 8, 1909. The fare from some of the principal cities in this Department are as follows:

Adrian	\$44 70	Grand Haven	\$42 60
Albion	42 90	Grand Rapids	42 75
Allegan	42 35	Hastings	44 50
Ann Arbor	44 55	Hillsdale	42 80
Athens	42 90	Howell	44 65
Bancroft	44 50	Ionia, via. G. T. R. R.....	44 65
Bangor	40 95	Ionia, via. P. M. R. R.....	44 20
Battle Creek	42 35	Ithaca	45 05
Bay City	45 95	Jackson	43 40
Belding	43 85	Kalamazoo	41 65
Bellevue	42 70	Lansing	43 65
Benton Harbor	40 10	Kalkaska	47 70
Big Rapids	44 45	Lapeer	45 75
Bronson	42 00	Leslie	43 65
Burr Oak	41 85	Ludington	45 85
Charlevoix	48 50	Manchester	44 75
Charlotte	43 10	Manistee	46 15
Chelsea	44 10	Marshall	42 75
Coldwater	42 35	Mason	43 65
Coloma	40 45	Millington	46 40
Detroit, M. C. R. R.....	45 65	Mt. Clemens	45 55
Detroit, G. T. R. R.....	44 90	Muskegon	43 00
Dowagiac	40 60	Nashville	44 15
Eaton Rapids	43 40	Newaygo	43 85
Flint, via. G. T. Ry	45 15	Otsego	42 35
Flint, via. P. M. R. R.....	45 55	Owosso, A. A. R. R. and G.	
Flushing	45 30	T. Ry.	44 65
Galesburg	41 90	Owosso, M. C. R. R.....	44 50
Gladwin	47 30	Petoskey	48 50

Pontiac	44 90	Three Rivers	41 25
Port Huron	47 15	Union City	42 05
Reading	44 15	Vanderbilt	49 55
St. Johns	44 65	White Pigeon	41 25
St. Joseph	40 10	Williamston	44 10
Saginaw	45 55	Yale	47 15
South Haven	42 85	Ypsilanti	44 75

FINAL RETURN LIMIT.

Final return limit to original starting point not later than thirty days.

STOP-OVERS.

Stop-overs will be allowed on going trip at points west of and including Denver, Colorado Springs, Pueblo and Cheyenne.

On return trip stop-overs will be allowed at any point west of Chicago or St. Louis within final return limit.

Stop-over of ten days will be allowed at Chicago or St. Louis by depositing ticket with depot ticket agents. *Tickets require no validation.*

ROUTES.

Parties desiring may purchase tickets going by one route and return by another. Those desiring to return by divers route must designate the route when purchasing ticket. Do not fail to do this and save disappointment farther on in the journey. Those Purchasing tickets going through Chicago and Omaha may return via Kansas City or St. Louis. Parties desiring to extend their journey to the coast will consult local ticket agents, and do so before day of starting.

SIDE TRIPS.

Union Pacific R. R. On application to General Agent of Union Pacific R. R., No. 941 Seventeenth St., or agent at Union Station, Denver. A free side trip from Denver to Colorado Springs or Pueblo and return will be furnished holders of tickets reading via. Union Pacific R. R.

SLEEPING CAR RATES.

Double berths in first-class Standard Pullman or Tourist Sleepers from Chicago to Salt Lake City.

Standard Sleeper, double berth.....\$9 50

Tourist Sleeper, double berth 4 75

There will be a limited number of drawing rooms in the Pullman Sleepers.

For sleeping car reservations apply to H. W. Steinhoff, Michigan Passenger Agent Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul R. R., 212 Majestic Bldg., Detroit, Mich.

Secure reservations early.

Dining cars will be attached to the train and meals regularly served.

In selecting the route designated the committee feel that they have selected a first-class route which is several hundred miles shorter than by

routes going through Kansas City and St. Louis, and a saving of at least one day's travel.

It was thought best to make the most direct and quickest journey going, leaving for the return trip, the selection of such route as any may desire with plenty of leisure for making the trip and sight seeing.

HEADQUARTERS TRAIN.

This is the official headquarters' train for the Department of Michigan, and Comrades and friends are invited to join us at Chicago, where train will be made up. Timing your arrival in Chicago in time to make transfers and reach Union Depot before 10 p. m., Aug. 6.

The Commander desires that all officials and delegates shall join this train.

BAGGAGE.

The usual one hundred and fifty pounds of baggage will be carried free on each whole ticket, and seventy-five pounds on each half ticket. Baggage in excess of these amounts will be charged for at the regular excess baggage rates.

ACCOMMODATIONS.

It is advisable for all to secure accommodations in Salt Lake City before starting on your journey. This may be done by applying to the following persons:

Hotels. A. J. Davis, Elks Club, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Private Accommodations. Geo. W. Peck, No. 1 Houston Block, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Free Quarters. Chairman D. H. Chistensen, 202 City and County Building, Salt Lake City, Utah.

For further information write to Col. F. M. Sterrette, Executive Director, Commercial Club Building, Salt Lake City, Utah.

By Command of

JAMES M. GREENFIELD,

Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Asst. Adj. General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

CAPITOL, LANSING, Aug. 30, 1909.

Special Orders, No. 2, Series 1909-10.

I would most earnestly request that the Posts of this Department withhold any expression of opinion, relative to the action of the Board of Managers of the Michigan Soldiers' Home, as asked for in a circular letter sent out by the Commissioner of the State Land Office. You are asked to express an opinion, without a statement of the facts, or a copy of the order referred to being furnished for your information. Your opinion is asked before you are informed as to the true action of the

Board of Managers, and by one who is in no way connected with the home, or its management.

The Board of Managers of the Home are capable, strong and loyal members of the G. A. R. They have been long connected with the management of the home, and have the interest and welfare of every inmate of the home at heart, and know better than can any outside critic, what is best for the twelve hundred inmates and the discipline of the Home.

It is hoped that the management of the Home will receive the support of every Post of this Department.

For your information a copy of the order will be sent to each Post Commander, together with a statement of E. H. Foote, a member of the Board of Managers, as published in the Grand Rapids Herald of Sunday, August 22d, which you are requested to carefully study.

By Command of

JAMES M. GREENFIELD,

Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
CAPITOL, LANSING, January 25, 1910.

Special Orders, No. 3, Series 1909-10.

It is with regret that the Department Commander is compelled to call the attention of the membership to a serious breach of rules and regulations committed by Col. E. H. Liscom, Post No. 343, Department of Michigan, in endorsing a candidate for Governor of this state, and sending out circulars announcing such fact.

The Posts and members of this Department will pay no attention to the circular as sent out unless it be to condemn such action. It is to be regretted that any Post could be influenced to take such action contrary to rules and regulations.

Every member of our organization is at liberty to exercise his personal preference in all political matters, but he cannot speak for another.

Article Eleven Chapter Five reads as follows:

"No officer or comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic shall in any manner use this organization for partisan purposes, and no discussion of partisan questions shall be permitted at any of its meetings, *nor shall any nominations for political office be made.*"

It is hoped that the Department Commander will not again have occasion to call the attention of the Posts of this Department to so flagrant a violation of the rules and regulations of our order.

By Command of

JAMES M. GREENFIELD,

Department Commander.

Official,

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
CAPITOL, LANSING, February 18, 1910.

Special Orders, No. 4, Series 1909-10.

Comrades—It is with the most profound sorrow that announcement is made of the death of Post Department Commander D. B. K. Van Raalte of this Department, who died at his home in the city of Holland, Saturday, February 12th. The burial took place on the 17th instant, and was attended by many of the surviving Past Department Commanders, the Department Commander and his staff, and many Comrades throughout the State.

The funeral services, like the life of our deceased comrade, were simple and without display in deference to wishes expressed before his death.

Comrade D. B. K. VanRaalte was born at Ommen in the Netherlands in 1844, and was within one month of 66 years of age.

On August 22, 1862, he enlisted in Company I, Twenty-fifth Michigan Infantry, and served his country with honor and distinction, being engaged in nearly all the battles of the Atlanta campaign. On August 26, 1864, was wounded in the battle of Atlanta, causing the amputation of his right arm. His services as a soldier was an honorable one.

He was identified with many business interests in his home city, a quiet but successful business man.

He also served the commonwealth as Legislator, first elected to the state legislature in 1875, and again in 1909, serving with distinction. For a number of years he rendered valuable service to his comrades and the State as a member of the Board of Managers of the Michigan Soldiers' Home.

He served well his generation and has gone to his well earned reward.

The members of this Department have lost a faithful comrade.

To the bereaved wife and family the sympathies of the Department are extended.

Post charters will be specially draped for a period of thirty days in memory of our deceased comrade and Post Department Commander.

By Command of

Official,
FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Assistant Adjutant General.

JAMES M. GREENFIELD,
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
CAPITOL, LANSING, March 7, 1910.

Special Orders, No. 5, Series 1909-10.

Comrades—Again we are called upon to bow our heads in humble submission to the inevitable. It is our painful duty to announce the death of Past Department Commander S. B. Daboll. He died at his home in St. Johns, Thursday, March 3d, at the age of 66. His sickness was of short duration, being confined to the house for only one week, when he was called to join the greater army above.

First Department Commanders and Department Officers. The services were of a simple and impressive character.

Comrade Daboll enlisted July 22, 1862, in Co. G. 117 N. Y. Infantry, serving three years, or to the close of the war. He endured all of the privations common to all who served in the ranks during the fearful struggle for the maintenance of the Union. His services was a noble one.

He was elected Commander of the Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic in 1895, serving the Department with distinction.

In civil life he has well served his generation. In 1887 he was appointed Quartermaster General by Gov. Luce, serving two years. On April 3d, 1893, was elected circuit judge of the 19th District, in which capacity he served six years. Later he accepted service in the United States Postoffice Department, and continued in this work to the time of his death.

For the last four years the most of his time has been spent in the South, where his official duties called him, returning in January to his home in St. Johns, where his active life was so soon to cease.

Comrade S. B. Daboll was an honored and respected member of our organization, and in his death we lose his wise counsel and encouraging presence.

We submit to the will of "Him Who doeth all things well."

By Command of

JAMES M. GREENFIELD,

Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Assistant Adjutant General.

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DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
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HELD AT YPSILANTI, JUNE 21-23, 1911

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Aaron T. Bliss, deceased	Saginaw, 1897-8
Alex. L. Patrick, deceased	Detroit, 1898-9
Russell R. Pealer	Three Rivers, 1899-1900
Ethel M. Allen, deceased	Portland, 1900-1
*James Van Kleeck	Bay City, 1901-2
*Edward C. Anthony	Negaunee, 1902-3
D. B. K. Van Raalte, deceased	Holland, 1903-4
Geo. H. Hopkins, deceased	Detroit, 1904-5
*E. C. Cannon	Evart, 1905-6
*Joseph B. Griswold	Grand Rapids, 1906-7
*Wm. Jibb	Adrian, 1907-8
Chas. E. Foote, deceased, died in office	Kalamazoo, 1908-9
Geo. L. Holmes, deceased, to fill vacancy	Detroit, 1909
*James M. Greenfield	Flushing, 1909-10

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

H. M. Bigelow	Montague, 1878-9
	No record 1880
	No record 1881
G. R. Wright	Benton Harbor, 1882-3
M. A. Merrifield, deceased	Union City, 1884
Geo. L. Fisher	Fowlerville, 1885
S. A. Hosmer	1886
W. W. Cook	Leslie, 1887
True Hart	Midland, 1888
Wm. H. Russell	Clio, 1889
*E. L. Negus	Chelsea, 1890
C. L. Brundage, deceased	Muskegon, 1891
Jas. A. Crozer	Menominee, 1892
L. M. Ward	Benton Harbor, 1893
Herman C. Frieseke	Owosso, 1894
Norm. G. Cooper	Sturgis, 1895
Lucian W. Lyon, deceased	Saginaw, 1896
L. W. Sprague	Greenville, 1897
Moses F. Carlton	Port Huron, 1898
J. C. Bontecon, deceased	Petoskey, 1900
*Theo. C. Putnam	Grand Rapids, 1901
*M. C. Barney	Flint, 1902
L. D. Van Kleeck	Pontiac, 1903
S. A. Aldrich	Muskegon, 1904
John J. Cornwill, deceased	Battle Creek, 1905
M. D. Morgan	Traverse City, 1906
*Riley L. Jones	Saginaw, 1907
Edward B. Nugent	Bay City, 1908
*Jay J. Drake	St. Joseph, 1909
Henry P. Shutt	Kalamazoo, 1910
*A. J. Ward	Holland, 1911

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

S. B. Kitchell	Coldwater, 1878
W. A. Palmer	Grand Rapids, 1879
	No record, 1880
Dallas Johnson	Montague, 1881
*O. A. Janes	Hillsdale, 1882
*J. M. Keller	Saginaw, 1883
M. H. Bumphrey	Three Rivers, 1884
H. F. Higgins	Petoskey, 1885
Thos. H. Williams	Jackson, 1887
*Geo. W. Stone	Harrison, 1889
*William Jibb	Adrian, 1890
Wm. H. Marston	Grand Rapids, 1891
Thomas M. Wiley	Owosso, 1892
*E. C. Anthony	Negaunee, 1893

*James M. Greenfield.....	Flushing, 1894
*Oscar Palmer.....	Grayling, 1895
Jas. O. Bellaire.....	Grand Rapids, 1896
*Ren Barker.....	Reed City, 1897
*D. C. Spears.....	Azalia, 1898
S. H. Mallery.....	Lake Odessa, 1900
*Sam. J. Lawrence.....	Wyandotte, 1901
*M. D. Richardson.....	Lake City, 1903
Dan J. Willson.....	Jackson, 1905
S. M. Kent.....	Grand Rapids, 1906
O. Palmer.....	Grayling, 1907
*Henry Spaulding.....	Hartford, 1908
*Geo. W. Wheeler.....	Boon, 1909
*Albert Dunham.....	Jackson, 1910
*Geo. I. Nash.....	Marcellus, 1911

JOHN A. LOGAN POST NO. 1, SOLDIERS' HOME.

Chartered December 9, 1887.

Membership 35.

Commander, C. A. Brink.	
<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
W. R. Davis.	C. F. Geredain.
<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
O. W. Hodges.	Elnathan George.
*Roda O'Mara.	James Wood.

C. O. LOOMIS POST NO. 2, QUINCY.

Chartered January 22, 1876.

Membership 59.

Commander, Geo. W. Dey.	
<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
*C. F. Potter.	K. B. Etheridge.
<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Wm. G. Whitney.	O. D. Curtis.
K. B. Etheridge.	L. D. Reynolds.
*C. V. R. Pond.	E. C. Chase.
Wm. H. Thurber.	*D. H. Wood.
Chas. F. Potter.	Wm. Wimer.
A. J. Warner.	C. D. Skinner.

N. H. FERRY POST NO. 3, WHITEHALL.

Chartered May 27, 1877.

Membership 32.

*Commander, E. C. Estabrook.	
<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
*Eli M. Ruggles.	Henry M. Kenfield.
<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
John C. Dean.	James Dellabaugh.
*Frederick Norman.	Dallis Johnson.
Allen F. Casselman.	Francis Hiscutt.
Girard A. Whitbeck.	Chas. H. Smith.

PHIL SHERIDAN POST NO. 4, READING.

Chartered June 12, 1878.

Membership 17.

Commander, H. H. Weaver.	
<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
Albert Arnold.	Wm. Sage.

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Past Commanders.

R. D. Lane.
Gabriel See.

Zeladee Culver.
J. C. Newfang.

CUSTER POST NO. 5, GRAND RAPIDS.

Chartered September 27, 1878.

Membership 128.

*Commander, T. C. Putnam.

Delegates.

*Thos. Dixon.
Frank LaLone.
*Wm. Maerdyk.

Alternates.

*E. J. Horton.
O. C. Kellogg.
E. M. Raymond.

Past Commanders.

Byron R. Pierce.
*Wm. D. Frost.
Chas. P. Coffin.
*Jos. O. Bellaire.
W. B. Bostock.
G. H. Chappel.
Jos. B. Griswold.
Allen C. Adsit.
*Ed. Racine.

John Schmidt.
E. H. Cummings.
G. B. Schwab.
*Theo. C. Putnam.
*Jas. R. Stephenson.
L. C. Read.
Thomas Peacock.
*G. H. Sherman.
E. B. Taylor.
Robert Finch.

C. J. DICKERSON POST NO. 6, HILLSDALE.

Chartered February 26, 1879.

Membership 54.

*Commander, L. B. Wolcott.

Delegate.

*Frank Hoover.

Alternate.

Geo. E. Porter.

Past Commanders.

F. K. Proctor.
Geo. E. Porter.
D. F. Austin.
*J. M. Fink.
*W. M. Taylor.

C. H. Fairbanks.
*O. Hancock.
O. C. Nash.
G. A. Riker.
N. R. Masters.

PHIL KEARNEY POST NO. 7, MUSKEGON.

Chartered July 31, 1879.

Membership 96.

*Commander, B. H. Krebs.

Delegates.

*P. P. Misener.
J. I. Mather.

Alternates.

Henry Hughson.
S. Moou.

Past Commanders.

William R. Jones.
John Sturgeon.
Wm. Reynolds.
William F. Wiseloge.
*S. A. Aldrich.
Chas. Miller.
Frank Noble.
John R. Bennett.
Howard C. Bond.

Henry G. Bigelow.
Louis Kanitz.
John W. Eddy.
*John G. Allport.
E. P. Watson.
August Flint.
Horace Lovejoy.
J. W. Sprague.
W. H. Ashley.

CHAS. H. TOWNE POST NO. 8, ISHPEMING.

Chartered September 17, 1889.

Membership 15..

Commander, John Scott.

Delegate.

James B. Wilbur.

Alternate.

Thos. D. Nelson.

Past Commanders.

O. B. Robinson.

Francis V. Sauer.

JOHN A. DIX POST NO. 9, HESPERIA.

Chartered September 12, 1879.

Membership 30.

Commander, A. L. Cobb.

Delegate.

John Morrow.

Alternate.

George Mopier.

Past Commanders.

Chas. Robbins.
Chas. Wilber.
A. L. Muliken.
*W. I. Bulson.

W. H. Potter.
C. R. Reynolds.
H. E. Waterman.
Wm. Gilbert.

WILLIAM BELL POST NO. 10, DUNDEE.

Chartered October 16, 1879.

Membership 57.

*Commander, Horace Pulver.

Delegate.

*Freeman Gee.

Alternate.

A. T. Hecock.

Past Commanders.

*D. C. Spears.
*R. B. Davis.
N. J. Carney.
*Geo. W. Hurd.
*Horace Pulver.

*James Knowles.
J. R. Dickinson.
Joseph S. Hilton.
Chas. M. Duston.
F. H. Miller.
*L. B. Smith.

ROBERT'S POST NO. 11, BANCROFT.

Chartered March 16, 1880.

Membership 16.

Commander, F. Gorton.

Delegate.

Geo. Pearsall.

Alternate.

H. Wimble.

Past Commanders.

W. W. Hunt.
H. H. Williams.
J. H. Lyman.
P. Pelton.
T. W. Hemminway.

J. A. Parker.
H. P. Wimble.
C. F. Coles.
E. J. Ewing.
G. H. Fellows.

RYDER POST NO. 12, DEERFIELD.

Chartered April 9, 1880.

Membership 20.

Commander, Neil McQuarie.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Byron Stanbry.
N. A. McQuarie.
Morrice Long.
Richard Tappan.

William Rusling.
M. H. Kellogg.
S. T. McNair.
E. E. Burnham.

I. B. RICHARDSON POST NO. 13, HARBOR SPRINGS.

Chartered May 11, 1880.

Membership 28.

Commander, Chas. Tanner.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Charles E. Judd.
Geo. W. Dickinson.
Geo. O. Richardson.
Fred F. Main.
Benj. F. Whitaker.
Eri D. Babcock.

Chas. C. Newkirk.
Lorenzo A. Clark.
Jos. N. Bradley.
Horace Eastman.
Chas. Tanner.

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GEO. H. THOMAS POST NO. 14, BENTON HARBOR.

Chartered May 24, 1880.

Membership 85.

Commander, A. H. Rowe.

Delegates.

*O. J. Bradley.
J. D. Hill.

Alternates.

L. F. Bradford.
C. H. Godfrey.

Past Commanders.

L. M. Ward.
L. Hemingway.
Henry Skelley.
Chas. A. Warner.
John Seel.

A. H. Rowe.
W. F. Kimball.
John Clark.
M. J. Vincent.
Ira A. Rice.

PAP WILLIAMS POST NO. 15, LUDINGTON.

Chartered May 26, 1880.

Membership 40.

Commander, Thos. E. Davis.

Delegate.

C. G. Wing.

Alternate.

Robt. Patterson.

Past Commanders.

Wm. G. Hudson.
H. C. Ransom.
J. E. Smith.
Wm. H. Kimball.
F. J. Dowland.
A. C. Hawley.

H. B. Smith.
G. M. Chase.
S. H. Gleason.
R. P. Bishop.
R. B. Patterson.
C. G. Wing.

SEDWICK POST NO. 16, EVART.

Chartered August 24, 1880.

Membership 32.

*Commander, Robert S. Covert.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Orin Button.
Ed. Cox.
G. W. Gardner.
W. A. Lewis.
S. E. Skutt.
O. M. Bush.
*E. C. Cannon.
*Dan'l Farrington.

W. J. Manley.
A. A. Smith.
Chas. Coppins.
*J. R. Foster.
Jos. H. Powell.
D. E. Wait.
William Rogers.
Francis Bond.

FAIRBANKS POST NO. 17, DETROIT.

Chartered May 9, 1881.

Membership 277.

*Commander, Thos. E. Payne.

*Delegates.**Alternates.*

*Theo. Lamy.
H. R. Strong.
Eugene Muffatt.
Henry Burbank.
*A. S. McWilliams.
*C. A. Bartlett.

John J. Downey.
Robt. Morris.
Robt. McWilliams.
Henry Altfeltis.
M. V. Morrison.
A. H. Cady.

Past Commanders.

E. O. Durfee.
 W. Hart.
 *H. B. Eggman.
 A. V. Phister.
 *C. K. Radcliff.
 J. Gill.
 B. R. Finlayson.
 *T. Davey.
 W. C. Claxton.
 *D. S. Kimball.
 *E. F. Lamb.
 *L. J. Beers.
 *D. G. Crotty.
 *Sam'l B. Dixon.
 *A. L. Sawyer.

*M. Green.
 *Carl Engle.
 *J. Renton.
 *J. Reid.
 *J. T. Spillane.
 J. A. Lane.
 *C. J. Pierce.
 C. W. Yates.
 *Edward E. Thayer.
 *H. B. White.
 Ed. N. Hill.
 *John L. Wild.
 *D. W. Osborn.
 H. F. Sirrine.

M'PHERSON POST NO. 18, TRAVERSE CITY.

Chartered May 21, 1881.

Membership 70.

*Commander, L. K. Cleveland.

Delegate.

B. F. Newhouse.

Alternate.

A. C. Elder.

Past Commanders.

M. D. Morgan.
 C. S. Vader.
 D. G. Shorter.
 F. D. Marvin.
 J. W. Hilliker.
 Levi Soule.

O. P. Carver.
 L. W. Lyon.
 Chas. H. Johnson.
 A. J. McHenry.
 Walter W. Dean.
 H. J. Curtis.

A. LINCOLN POST NO. 19, BANGOR.

Chartered May 20, 1881.

Membership 48.

Commander, B. Merriman.

Delegate.

S. P. Harvey.

Alternate.

W. L. Zook.

Past Commanders.

C. C. Phillips.
 *Thomas Horton.
 *B. M. Merriman.
 J. G. Todd.

Geo. S. Wilson.
 *O. A. Reynolds.
 C. H. Schermerhorn.
 A. Pattee.

ELLSWORTH POST NO. 20, HARTFORD.

Chartered June 20, 1881.

Membership 31.

Commander, E. C. Rice.

Delegate.

*Chas. Clickler.

Alternate.

Wm. Meek.

Past Commanders.

*Henry Spaulding.
 Eber Hart.
 William Bennett.
 Wm. N. Worth.
 Jesse Thomas.

John S. Heald.
 W. A. Palmer.
 Chas. H. Mather.
 John Carter.

A. W. CHAPMAN POST NO. 21, ST. JOSEPH.

Chartered July 18, 1881.

Membership 47.

Commander, W. A. Preston.

Delegate.

Ed. L. Cromer.

Alternate.

James Morrison.

Frank Morlock.
J. E. L. Miller.
W. A. Preston.

Milo Clock.
L. J. Merchant.
Aug. Morlock.

WILLIAM PERROTT POST NO. 22, BUCHANAN.

Chartered July 11, 1881.

Membership 24.

Commander, Henry E. Bradley.

Delegate.

*Wallace Riley.

Alternate.

Sam'l Bunker.

Past Commanders.

John W. Beisile.
O. F. Richmond.
Steve Scott.
Theo. W. Thomas.
H. A. Richardson.
Wm. Powers.
W. P. Wood.

John E. Barmore.
I. N. Bachelor.
John Graham.
Chas. Snyder.
John Perrott.
Chas. E. Sabin.

EDWIN COLWELL POST NO. 23, BLOOMINGDALE.

Chartered August 29, 1881.

Membership 13.

Commander, James McDowell.

Delegate.

John Decker.

Alternate.

*J. E. Culver.

Past Commanders.

James McDowell.
Frank Cooley.
J. N. Edwards.

Geo. Wilson.
J. T. Robinson.

COL. FENTON POST NO. 24, FENTON.

Chartered August 19, 1881.

Membership 43.

*Commander, Chas. W. Sadden.

Delegate.

*Edgar Durfee.

Alternate.

George Wess.

Past Commanders.

L. V. Curry.
V. C. Smith.
J. M. Ripley.
E. T. Winters.

William Butcher.
Chas. W. Sadden.
S. K. Freeman.
Ira C. Ford.

DAVID BECKER POST NO. 25, OGDEN CENTER.

Chartered August 20, 1881.

Membership 33.

Commander, John Fock.

Delegate.

*A. S. Bradley.

Alternate.

L. C. Fry.

Past Commanders.

J. F. Wotring.
G. W. Scott.
L. E. Fry.
C. T. Cheney.
*Amos Wilt.
C. L. Blake.
J. M. Robb.
Geo. W. Wilt.

Robt. Service.
A. J. Hodges.
G. W. Hecket.
William Emmons.
A. S. Beardsley.
W. C. B. Smith.
A. A. Barnes.
David Pifer.

JOE HOOKER POST NO. 26, HART.

Chartered August 16, 1881.

Membership 31.

*Commander, P. Carter.

Delegate.

S. C. Brigham.

Alternate.

Jesse Mills.

Past Commanders.

J. A. Collier.

Geo. F. Dennison.

J. H. Slater.

B. F. Archer.

Wm. Flory.

P. Caster.

S. D. Young.

Alex. Fletcher.

BURNSIDE POST NO. 27, DECATUR.

Chartered September 19, 1881.

Membership 31.

*Commander, Geo. W. Lusk.

Delegate.

Chas. Geer.

Alternate.

James Copelan.

Past Commanders.

G. W. Lusk.

L. D. Roberts.

W. H. White.

C. W. Willson.

R. Colbetzor.

J. H. Van Camp.

S. M. Rawson.

Jeremiah Bowen.

A. L. CARVER POST NO. 28, HEMLOCK.

Chartered August 2, 1894.

Membership 12.

*Commander, Jedd Bennett.

Delegate.

*John Wendt, Sr.

Alternate.

Fred Ediken.

Past Commanders.

*T. M. Champlin.

Calvin Sylvester.

Charles Burnham.

Jedd Bennett.

A. T. Cooper.

J. D. Smith.

CHAMPLIN POST NO. 29, GRAND RAPIDS.

Chartered September 9, 1881.

Membership 13.

Commander, Wm. H. Stokes.

Delegate.

*A. D. Sorter.

Alternate.

John Wheeler.

Past Commanders.

Eber Rice.

Alvin D. Porter.

Samuel White.

Joseph G. Price.

Hiram Madden.

GARFIELD POST NO. 30, COLOMA.

Chartered October 10, 1881.

Membership 14.

Commander, W. A. Baker.

Delegate.

*A. B. Stevie.

Alternate.

Geo. W. Garrett.

Past Commanders.

W. A. Baker.

J. A. Brown.

L. Clark.

Geo. W. Garrett.

A. Newton.

Uriah Wood.

A. S. McCuen.

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BROADHEAD POST NO. 31, PAW PAW.

Chartered October 21, 1881.

Membership 44.

*Commander, J. P. Bates.

Delegate.

*M. C. Wheaton.

Alternate.

Wm. Sage.

Past Commanders.

*H. A. Chapin.
J. F. Bullard.
O. W. Rowland.
Ira W. Hulbert.
Barney O'Dell.

Daniel Spicer.
John Reed.
J. C. Warner.
A. DeHaven.
W. R. Serrine.

FARRAGUT POST NO. 32, BATTLE CREEK.

Chartered November 31, 1881.

Membership 110.

*Commander, J. H. Stevens.

Delegates.

Frank Howe.

*F. T. Dennison.

Alternates.

*P. M. Fish.

Wm. O. Holmes.

Past Commanders.

A. W. Alvord.
*A. Griswold.
*J. W. Taylor.
*Wm. A. Vickery.
J. G. Bohnett.
S. M. Holton.
Wm. Dowsett.
C. J. Shoemaker.
*John Easey.
*Stephen L. Cooper.
*R. M. Bellinger.

S. S. French.
G. M. Hodges.
*A. B. Simpson.
R. J. Kelley.
W. R. Wickham.
*Chas. H. Browning.
E. Cunningham.
H. B. Hayes.
*Geo. E. Wallace.
Lewis Flint.
*Wm. Pratt.

COL. MYRON BAKER POST NO. 33, MORENO.

Chartered December 29, 1881.

Membership 33.

Commander, Chas. C. Gilman.

Delegate.

*John Sheffield.

Alternate.

John D. Hanna.

Past Commanders.

V. Smith.
Loren W. Chapin.
James N. Chappell.

Fred B. Sheffield.
*Wm. Onweller.
Wm. H. Chappell.

W. G. EATON POST NO. 34, OTSEGO.

Chartered November 10, 1881.

Membership 23.

Commander, Oliver Wise.

Delegate.

Milton Chase.

Alternate.

H. J. Knowles.

Past Commanders.

John D. Kelley.
David Y. Cook.
Geo. W. Taylor.
John Henry.

Oliver Wise.
James Roff.
S. S. Green.

ZACH. CHANDLER POST NO. 35, SOUTH HAVEN.

Chartered November 30, 1881.

Membership 80.

Commander, O. A. Dean.

Delegates.

J. H. Holdsworth.

*M. Miner.

Alternates.

*W. T. Piper.

R. F. Dean.

Past Commanders.

*T. Biddle.
 Herrick Hodges.
 L. K. Jillson.
 J. S. Donahue.
 *W. S. Bradley.
 W. F. Peddycord.
 G. B. Green.
 J. S. Hicks.

Geo. O. Chapman.
 A. H. Cook.
 H. J. Dodge.
 *James Martin.
 C. A. Butterfield.
 Geo. W. Mathews.
 *A. R. Hotchkiss.

GEORGE L. MEAD POST NO. 36, BERRIEN CENTER.

Chartered December 29, 1881.

Membership 7.

Commander, B. H. Rutter.

Delegate.

P. E. O'Brien.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

B. H. Rutter.
 M. J. Nelson.
 S. L. Snavley.

P. E. O'Brien.
 J. K. P. McCullough.

STANTON POST NO. 37, STANTON.

Chartered November 30, 1881.

Membership 22.

*Commander, T. M. Smith.

Delegate.

*J. H. Tishue.

Alternate.

S. D. Huntley.

Past Commanders.

H. H. Hinds.
 J. A. Crocker.
 T. M. Smith.
 Edson Pickell.

H. V. Hallett.
 John Lorson.
 Thos. Low.
 C. A. Nelson.

SAGINAW POST NO. 38, SAGINAW.

Chartered December 14, 1881.

Membership 87.

*Commander, J. H. Cowell.

Delegates.

*F. C. Crowell.
 Cris Wasserman.

Alternates.

Frank D. Keeler.
 F. Gill.

Past Commanders.

*W. G. Gage.
 *E. F. Guild.
 *H. Coleman.
 D. K. Halsey.
 James T. Hale.
 T. T. Hubbard.
 *Riley L. Jones.
 Wm. H. Presser.
 E. B. Metcalf.
 Robert Dederick.
 John Still.
 *Hugh McLean.
 *Gordon T. Converse.

*M. E. Keller.
 O. S. Bishop.
 Chas. P. Colvin.
 P. J. Sensabaugh.
 C. F. Schuetler.
 *Jos. Seeman.
 B. A. Osborne.
 Chas. Ziem.
 Jos. W. Budd.
 Watson J. Clark.
 *V. D. Starr.
 W. J. Doxsee.

KILPATRICK POST NO. 39, BERRIEN SPRINGS.

Chartered February 15, 1882.

Membership 24.

Commander, A. W. Haskins.

Delegate.

*Henry Meyer.

Alternate.

R. Schrides.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Past Commanders.

Rosco D. Dix.
 *J. Hallenbeck.
 A. W. Haskins.

*W. H. Miller.
 *S. E. Hadlock.
 *Mandell Wells.

A. S. WILLIAMS POST NO. 40, CHARLOTTE.

Chartered February 8, 1882.

Membership 109.

*Commander, Wm. Beekman.

Delegates.

*Geo. F. Gardner.
 *Evander Dunning.

Alternates.

Jacob Upright.
 Geo. Hubbard.

Past Commanders.

D. B. Ainger.
 Lewis A. Snell.
 *J. D. Butler.
 *James Umbarger.
 Albert T. Nye.

*S. W. Harmon.
 Joseph Shaw.
 Wm. M. Beekman.
 *Thos. J. Snow.
 Fred G. Warren.

E. P. CARPENTER POST NO. 41, CHELSEA.

Chartered February 13, 1882.

Membership 22.

*Commander, Rush Green.

Delegate.

*Wm. Salisbury.

Alternate.

J. T. Schmidt.

Past Commanders.

*T. E. Wood.
 J. F. Harrington.
 *E. Gorman.
 Rush Green.
 *J. F. Watrous.

*E. L. Negus.
 L. Reilly.
 *Wm. Yocum.
 A. N. Morton.

CHAS. T. FOSTER POST NO. 42, LANSING.

Chartered February 2, 1882.

Membership 274.

*Commander, J. A. Wardell.

Delegates.

*Edward Cahill.
 *Lawrence Price.
 *M. F. Buck.
 *Uriah H. Lazell.
 Chas. T. Miller.

Alternates.

W. W. Forbs.
 J. K. Holt.
 John Davidson.
 Ed. Allen.
 *Albert Spinks.

Past Commanders.

Wm. L. Reed.
 *Frederick Schneider.
 *Edwin R. Havens.
 Frank M. Howe.
 *Wm. C. Nesen.
 *Addison S. Boyce.
 *W. P. Treadway.
 *I. N. Ashley.
 Sidney Edson.
 Chas. Turrell.
 Thos. Blossom.
 Austin Trowbridge.

*Allen S. Shattuck.
 Wm. W. Cook.
 Geo. J. Foster.
 Seymour Foster.
 *Geo. W. Stone.
 *Lewis A. Miller.
 *W. A. Bolter.
 *Lester J. Kenney.
 *John Oatley.
 *Fayette Wyckoff.
 *John A. Hubbell.
 J. H. Lyman.

SCOTT POST NO. 43, BLISSFIELD.

Chartered February 16, 1882.

Membership 44.

*Commander, N. T. Stoner.

Delegate.

*David Lamley.

Alternate.

Anson Dickenson.

Past Commanders.

John Rentz.
 Peter Fisher.
 Frank A. Sperry.
 Geo. F. Ford.
 *W. H. Colyer.
 H. H. Wilber.
 *Fred Bay.
 E. R. Welch.

Horace R. Wood.
 Wm. Ten Eyck.
 *Edwin Youngs.
 J. R. Carpenter.
 N. T. Stoner.
 Byron Tripp.
 Geo. Dickinson.

ANSON SANFORD POST NO. 44, SANFORD.

Chartered September 23, 1889.

Membership 8.

Commander, John M. Howe.

Delegate.

H. G. Thorington.

Alternate.

Theo. Tuttel.

Past Commanders.

John W. H. Brooks.
 H. G. Thorington.
 John W. Howe.

Leonard Pawling.
 John F. Briggs.

WOODBURY POST NO. 45, ADRIAN.

Chartered February 13, 1882.

Membership 117.

*Commander, John H. Purdy.

Delegates.

*Charles G. Drake.
 *Asa W. Aldrich.
 *George Durfee.

Alternates.

Wm. Gimbert.
 Horace Palmer.
 N. D. Chew.

Past Commanders.

Geo. R. Cochrane.
 Samuel Patton.
 *B. F. Graves.
 B. T. Mattern.
 Geo. Irwin.
 *Hope Welch.
 *Clark W. Decker.
 *Oliver H. Beach.
 S. E. Graves.
 *Geo. W. Westerman.
 D. B. Morgan.

W. F. Bradley.
 Geo. Austin.
 *John B. Allen.
 Henry Mickley.
 *Wm. Jibb.
 Sam. W. Hamilton.
 *Squire Johnson.
 John Britton.
 Harry T. Roch.
 Peter A. N. Beck.
 Oliver H. Beach.

JACOB G. FOY POST NO. 46, GANGES.

Chartered

Membership 12.

Commander, Geo. T. Clapp.

Delegate.

Wm. H. Dunn.
 H. H. Goodrich.
 Geo. T. Clapp.
 S. W. Eddy.
 Robt. Payne.
 E. J. King.

Alternate.

Geo. G. Dean.
 J. P. Eddy.
 W. H. Hess.
 W. C. Dow.
 C. W. Holmes.
 M. M. Bronson.

*Past Commanders.***W. C. GILBERT POST NO. 47, DOWAGIAC.**

Chartered March 11, 1882.

Membership 30.

Commander,

Delegate.

Wm. H. Brown.
 J. R. Edwards.

Alternate.

T. J. Edwards.
 John Bilderback.

Past Commanders.

Delegates.
Geo. R. Holt.
Jacob Dawson.
*Willis W. Crocker.
*Byron Winchester.

*Commander, Lewis Peltou.

Alternates.
*Henry Mellway.
*H. F. Higgins.
G. A. Coleman.
Chas. P. Reattoir.

Past Commanders.

*A. D. Welling.
*O. F. Kaywood.
*Albert Dunham.
*M. S. Redfield.
*C. H. Haskin.
*Albert W. Martin.
*J. L. Sample.
D. J. Willson.

*J. D. Jewell.
*Frank White.
Dewitt C. Faxon.
*Wm. H. Porter.
*Thos. Daniels.
*S. B. Davis.
*Thos. Moloney.

WADESWORTH POST NO. 49, LAWRENCE.

Chartered March 16, 1882.

Membership 23.

Commander, Thos. C. Tyner.

Delegate.

Geo. W. Hillyard.

Alternate.

Rufus M. Rowe.

Past Commanders.

Thomas C. Tyner.
Charles Cook.
John H. Shoemaker.

Francis Branch.
Geo. W. Hillyard.

JOHN T. REYNOLDS POST NO. 52, PENTWATER.

Chartered November 18, 1887.

Membership 21.

*Commander, F. O. Gardner.

Delegate.

W. E. Dockey.

Alternate.

E. W. Chadwick.

Past Commanders.

*T. O. Gardner.
W. A. Clark.
J. Beckwith.
A. Jacobs.

Martin Kniftile.
Geo. Tate.
L. A. Leffingwell.
Geo. Houseman.

PHIL M'KERNAN POST NO. 53, MASON.

Chartered April 8, 1882.

Membership 43.

*Commander, T. M. Saraw.

Delegate.

W. J. Hyde.

Alternate.

*Mead Worboy.

Past Commanders.

*T. M. Saraw.
*Hugh Blakely.
G. L. Barnaby.
*Fred Hines.

S. C. Parker.
H. C. Freeland.
*W. J. Adams.
*S. C. Parker.

O. P. MORTON POST NO. 54, MANTON.

Chartered April 15, 1882.

Membership 19.

Commander, E. M. Bradborn.

Delegate.

Nera Ellsworth.
D. B. Averill.
Edward Morgan.

Alternate.

A. A. Clawson.
R. A. Cory.

Past Commanders.

CAPT. H. BARROWS POST NO. 55, ARMADA.

Chartered June 4, 1895.

Membership 13.

Delegate.

Jacob Goodell.

Commander, A. B. Weston.

Alternate.

Homer G. Sperry.

Past Commanders.

Peter B. Cade.
Homer G. Sperry.
Marion Bates.
L. J. Compton.

A. S. Hathaway.
William Hamlin.
Wm. B. Hamilton.

C. J. BASSETT POST NO. 56, ALLEGAN.

Chartered April 25, 1882.

Membership 59.

Delegate.

James Gitson.

*Commander, N. W. Houser.

Alternate.

James H. Sands.

Past Commanders.

*W. W. Warner.
N. W. Houser.
Geo. W. Cady.
J. W. Eley.
John S. Curtis.
W. H. Perry.
Emerson Allen.

Sam'l. F. Murphy.
L. W. Belinger.
L. Y. Cady.
Geo. B. Myers.
M. A. Powell.
John W. Hurlburt.
James C. Leggett.

THOMAS MANNING POST NO. 57, MARCELLUS.

Chartered May 19, 1882.

Membership 60.

Delegate.

*Bruce Lewis.

*Commander, G. I. Nash.

Alternate.

W. J. Herbert.

Past Commanders.

W. J. Kellogg.
J. B. Fortner.
Peter Schall.
*G. I. Nash.
W. R. Sinder.

H. M. Nottingham.
Ray T. Streeter.
Levi Dennis.
Frank T. Wolf.

A. COLVIN POST NO. 59, GOBLEVILLE.

Chartered May 22, 1882.

Membership 26.

Delegate.

*J. C. Parsons.

*Commander, G. W. Lewis.

Alternate.

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Past Commanders.

L. S. Lee.
Phil Bush.
Bradley Randall.
E. M. Brown.

Geo. Meyers.
M. J. Blakeman.
Richard Hill.

DEWEY POST NO. 60, LESLIE.

Chartered May 25, 1882.

Membership 42.

Delegate.

*W. D. Smith.

Commander, A. H. Laberteaux.

Alternate.

Jos. Christy.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Past Commanders.

L. C. Rice.
A. H. Laberteaux.
J. B. Scovel.
*W. D. Longyear.

R. H. Bishop.
A. A. Lumbard.
E. E. Stone.

C. F. DOORE POST NO. 61, GAYLORD.

Chartered May 19, 1882.

Membership 11.

Commander, L. W. Lyon.

Delegate.

L. W. Lyon.

Alternate.

Wm. H. Smith.

Past Commanders.

*Wm. H. Smith.
Orson Higley.
Phillip Sparr.

L. W. Lyon.
Benj. F. Ordway.

JEWELL POST NO. 62, CEDAR SPRINGS.

Chartered June 3, 1882.

Membership 17.

Commander, Silas T. Churd.

Delegate.

Sam'l. H. Smith.

Alternate.

Wm. N. Janes.

Past Commanders.

D. G. Dove.
L. Bearss.
John T. Pomeroy.

J. D. Jackson.
Miles Mulford.

G. K. WARNER POST NO. 63, EAST TAWAS.

Chartered June 20, 1882.

Membership 22.

Commander, F. E. Hayes.

Delegate.

*W. C. Stevens.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Theo. Hills.
B. F. Oakes.
F. E. Hayes.
Wardwell Chase.

J. M. Walker.
S. C. Williams.
John Youngs.
C. F. Adams.

FRANK GRAVES POST NO. 64, NILES.

Chartered June 19, 1882.

Membership 28.

Commander, Alexander Winborn.

Delegate.

H. C. Beswick.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

A. E. Dodge.

W. J. MAY POST NO. 65, JONES.

Chartered July 24, 1882.

Membership 18.

Commander, S. P. King.

Delegate.

David Houser.

Alternate.

J. S. Powell.

Past Commanders.

Luther Kinney.
D. Trottels.
A. P. Beeman.
T. P. Ayers.

I. S. Pound.
H. H. Bowen.
N. G. Stanard.

STEVENS POST NO. 66, EAST JORDAN.

Chartered December 4, 1882.

Membership 28.

Commander, J. W. Rogers.	
<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
*Alex. Bush.	F. L. Smith.
<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
J. W. Rogers.	J. H. Kocker.
L. C. Madison.	Geo. W. Hayner.
Geo. J. Bowen.	

U. S. GRANT POST NO. 67, BAY CITY.

Chartered June 12, 1882.

Membership 86.

*Commander, L. T. Houck.	
<i>Delegates.</i>	<i>Alternates.</i>
*Hiram Russell.	Frank Leroy.
*H. W. Sims.	Sam Catlin.
<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
H. C. Green.	L. McHugh.
Frank Berdan.	S. Wilhelm.
C. L. Collins.	O. F. Kellogg.
*James Van Kleeck.	L. A. L. Gilbert.
J. P. Day.	J. Van Buren.
August Meisel.	P. O. Gibbons.
Griff Lewis.	

SHIELDS POST NO. 68, SHELBY.

Chartered July 27, 1882.

Membership 23.

Commander, W. H. Barry.	
<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
E. M. Moody.	B. B. White.
<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Phil Penfield.	G. W. Carroll.
W. P. Shafer.	J. D. Randall.
Wm. H. Barry.	Burr Pittinger.
Augustus Fleming.	A. H. Towne.
Samuel Wright.	H. C. Morris.
F. A. Pitts.	L. B. Wildey.

DWIGHT MAY POST NO. 69, MIDLAND.

Chartered June 29, 1882.

Membership 30.

Commander, I. H. Richardson.	
<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
*Alfred Lee.	Calib Richardson.
<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
J. W. Snell.	T. B. Main.
Geo. H. Richardson.	Wm. L. Stearns.
True Hart.	Henry D. Northway.
C. L. Jenney.	William Patterson.

ED. M. PRUTZMAN POST NO. 72, THREE RIVERS.

Chartered September 7, 1882.

Membership 50.

*Commander, J. DonWolfe.	
<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
Henry Kramb.	Henry Snyder.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Past Commanders.

W. H. Bumphrey.
James Bouton.
S. M. Snyder.
Jeff. P. McKey.
W. C. Porter.

James L. Haines.
Russell R. Pealer.
A. A. Udell.
Bishop E. Andrews.
Geo. A. B. Cooke.

A. B. STURGIS POST NO. 73, STURGIS.

Chartered September 1, 1882.

Membership 22.

Commander Emanuel Zeigler.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

J. H. Whitmer.
L. J. Twichell.
P. J. Rodes.
O. D. Russell.
E. B. Cooke.

P. H. Van Vleck.
H. L. Anthony.
E. Zeigler.
A. A. Wilber.

STERLING POST NO. 74, WAYLAND.

Chartered August 31, 1882.

Membership 17.

Commander, Chas. B. Brown.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Peter Ross.
John H. Peck.
John W. Moore.
*Frank E. Pickett.
James M. Potts.
*C. B. Brown.

*Jerry H. Sargent.
Albert W. Nash.
*Varsol P. Fales.
Isaac N. Hoyt.
David Knowles.

WETHERWAX POST NO. 75, GRAND HAVEN.

Chartered September 13, 1882.

Membership 29.

*Commander, Tony Boet.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Jos. Kibler.

*John Luikiues.

Past Commanders.

C. E. Soule.
C. N. Dickenson.
G. A. Farr.
Edward Millman.
William Walters.

Orson Vanderhoef.
Wm. Kefgen.
Anthony Boet.
*H. C. Bement.

JOSEPH E. SMITH POST NO. 76, MONROE.

Chartered September 12, 1882.

Membership 43.

Commander, J. Sorter.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

A. Rupp.

*Adam Micheales.

Past Commanders.

Geo. Spaulding.
*H. E. Austin.
F. Caux.
Burton Parker.
F. B. Nelson.
H. Beisel.

C. Gruner.
J. Callum.
Wm. Hagans.
Wm. F. Haight.
A. Lahr.

FRANK HICKS POST NO. 78, DANSVILLE.

Chartered September 18, 1882.

Membership 16.

*Commander, A. L. Crossman.

Delegate.

*Merritt Hicks.

Alternate.

Isaiah Dakin.

Past Commanders.

Andrews Beers.

A. L. Crossman.

O. L. Lothrop.

C. L. Randall.

C. F. Patrick.

ORCUTT POST NO. 79, KALAMAZOO.

Chartered September 20, 1882.

Membership 159.

*Commander, C. W. Davenport.

Delegates.

Morris Kent.

Alternates.

*Geo. W. Downey.

*R. P. James.

*David C. Oaks.

Grant Tuttle.

John P. Barker.

Past Commanders.

Geo. M. Buck.

Geo. F. Larned.

Wm. F. Sherman.

John D. Sumner.

J. D. Turner.

H. P. Shutt.

Freeman Hall.

E. S. Bissell.

F. P. Muhlenberg.

Chas. Prange.

John Barker.

Geo. Clark.

Enoch Shafer.

Geo. W. Doane.

*Aaron Miller.

S. H. Laport.

P. H. Burke.

Eli Strong.

HARLOW BRIGGS POST NO. 80, HOPKINS STATION.

Chartered September 25, 1882.

Membership 23.

Commander, W. H. Van Ormen.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

*John Hoffmaster.

Chas. Tiefenthal.

Geo. Ruehle.

Fred Hodges.

John Bacon.

Henry H. Smith.

Wesley McBride.

J. G. Ellinger.

Arnold Brockway.

W. H. Miller.

COL. JEFFORDS POST NO. 82, NASHVILLE.

Chartered September 19, 1882.

Membership 16.

Commander, G. W. Perry.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

S. B. Preston.

L. McKinnis.

Past Commanders.

Geo. Wellman.

*Wm. Boston.

E. D. Williams.

A. R. Williams.

G. W. Perry.

Alex. McKinzey.

R. C. Smith.

WM. A. KENT POST NO. 83, GREENVILLE.

Chartered October 6, 1882.

Membership 42.

*Commander, O. W. Green.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*C. C. Johnson.

A. H. Johnson.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Past Commanders.

John Avery.
E. F. Grabill.
*O. B. Green.
A. J. Cole.
C. O. Jennison.
*O. J. Cary.
H. M. Caukin.

*L. W. Sprague.
O. W. Green.
*A. H. Tibbitts.
A. T. Bliss.
John W. French.
Geo. W. Turner.

COL. BAKER POST NO. 84, KALKASKA.

Chartered October 9, 1882.

Membership 30.

Commander, James Greacen.

Delegate.

Chas. W. Woolpert.

Alternate.

W. C. McFaren.

Past Commanders.

James A. Harriott.
James Greacen.
Jas. M. Flagg.
John Lewis.
*Willard R. Parker.

W. J. Wilson.
*Chas. H. DePuy.
James M. Steel.
*John E. Rainbow.

CHAS. WOODRUFF POST NO. 85, THREE OAKS.

Chartered October 16, 1882.

Membership 20.

Commander, F. F. Sovereign.

Delegate.

S. M. Copeland.

Alternate.

Henry Schervis.

Past Commanders.

Dwight Warren.
Fred F. Sovereign.

Wm. W. Smith.
Chas. H. Davis.

GEN. LYON POST NO. 86, MANCELONA.

Chartered October 10, 1882.

Membership 21.

Commander, James I. Ayers.

Delegate.

*H. C. Hopkins.

Alternate.

Eugene Owen.

Past Commanders.

J. O. Lyons.
J. W. Wallace.

Davis S. Davis.
D. W. Lazell.

JOS. WILSON POST NO. 87, LOWELL.

Chartered October 16, 1882.

Membership 41.

Commander, D. O. Shear.

Delegate.

D. E. Pratt.

Alternate.

Jos. Kinyon.

Past Commanders.

S. P. Hicks.
R. B. Boylean.

J. H. Godfrey.

CORBIN POST NO. 88, UNION CITY.

Chartered October 17, 1882.

Membership 53.

*Commander, Geo. E. Eberhard.

Delegate.

*Chas. Burnett.

Alternate.

Wm. Fenno.

Past Commanders.

*L. L. Harsh.
 M. F. Buell.
 O. N. Dennison.
 *G. W. Blakewell.
 *J. M. Wells.

*C. M. Hall.
 M. E. Blair.
 Henry Seymour.
 *J. D. Parks.

RANSOM POST NO. 89, FLUSHING.

Chartered October 18, 1882.

Membership 14.

*Commander, Jas. M. Greenfield.

Delegate.

Spellman Loop.

Alternate.

C. H. Penoyer.

Past Commanders.

*J. M. Greenfield.
 S. H. Thomas.
 H. A. Miller.
 James Armstrong.
 *W. J. Ottaway.

Cyrus Phelps.
 Albert Crosby.
 *J. M. Caldwell.
 *Chester Felton.

J. N. PENoyer POST NO. 90, SAGINAW, W. S.

Chartered November 14, 1882.

Membership 38.

*Commander, Adolph Taiper.

Delegate.

John McArthur.

Alternate.

Julius Ahrnes.

Past Commanders.

O. F. Mosier.
 Albert Trask.
 N. S. Wood.
 *C. A. Beelman.
 Fred Wellington.
 Henry Vance.
 J. G. McMillan.
 J. H. Wellington.

J. F. Brand.
 N. B. Kinsey.
 J. P. Sherman.
 E. St. John.
 H. S. Averill.
 J. H. Leavenworth.
 John Monroe.
 John W. Foote.

WM. D. WILKINS POST NO. 91, ST. LOUIS.

Chartered October 25, 1882.

Membership 24.

*Commander, L. W. Beach.

Delegate.

*Geo. Wilcox.

Alternate.

Ira Beard.

Past Commanders.

A. B. Darragh.
 *L. W. Beach.
 C. H. Crandall.
 Chas. Morrow.
 *Henry Davison.

L. B. Longwell.
 Willard Gray.
 L. L. Conell.
 H. E. Histed.
 *Randolph Root.

WALLACE POST NO. 95, FLAT ROCK.

Chartered December 9, 1882.

Membership 19.

Commander, S. F. Smith.

Delegate.

*J. R. Brown.

Alternate.

A. W. Wagar.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Past Commanders.

J. M. Van Riper.
 *S. F. Smith.
 *Albert W. Wagar.
 B. Parish.
 *E. Beach.
 *F. M. Reid.

*Henry Morris.
 L. Firstle.
 *W. B. Littlefield.
 C. Strewing.
 *F. Ferstel.

CARTER POST NO. 96, UNION.

Chartered December 21, 1882.

Membership 10.

Commander, C. C. Parker.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Benj. Prabst.

Past Commanders.

H. F. Garman.

C. C. Parker.

JOHN J. BAGLEY POST NO. 97, HERSEY.

Chartered December 27, 1882.

Membership 12.

Commander, L. F. Corey.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Geo. I. Hale.

Otis Crawford.

Past Commanders.

Wm. B. C. Pitts.
 *Wm. D. Lovell.

L. F. Corey.
 P. A. Hall.

WILLIAM SANBORN POST NO. 98, PORT HURON.

Chartered December 30, 1882.

Membership 58.

*Commander, W. O. Lee.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

E. G. Spalding.

John Hill.

Past Commanders.

E. S. Post.
 L. A. Sherman.
 *Geo. W. Howe.
 W. H. Brown.
 J. D. Kinney.
 *N. D. Brown.

*C. W. Higgins.
 J. W. Burns.
 G. B. Windover.
 *A. H. Welsher.
 Harvey Hyde.
 Edwin S. Petit.

M. W. DRESSER POST NO. 100, LYONS.

Chartered January 10, 1883.

Membership 23.

Commander, T. A. Steadman.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

J. O. Probasco.

Wm. Crowell.

Past Commanders.

Ezra N. Thayer.
 B. H. Stevens.
 Geo. W. Terry.

Chas. W. Lung.
 T. H. Steadman.

MOSES WISNER POST NO. 101, ITHACA.

Chartered January 13, 1883.

Membership 39.

Commander, K. P. Peet.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Nathan Church.

*I. N. Cowdry.

Past Commanders.

N. G. Sutliff.	James Donaldson.
*W. H. Beasley.	*J. B. Zarbaugh.
Wm. L. Phillips.	Wm. Stahl.
*E. B. Killee.	W. J. Clark.
*Thomas Crofford.	*K. P. Peet.
A. W. Russell.	A. J. Brown.

ELI P. ALEXANDER POST NO. 103, WILLIAMSTON.

Chartered January 16, 1883.

Membership 28.

Commander, M. Coad.

Delegate.

*Monroe Putnam.

Alternate.

C. E. Lockwood.

Past Commanders.

Wm. L. Robson.	*Chas. E. West.
H. M. Bigelow.	Milo Vannetter.
Mathias Coad.	Leroy Satterlee.
Hiram Haire.	*C. E. Lockwood.
R. Wiggins.	

GEO. A. WINANS POST NO. 104, OVID.

Chartered February 8, 1883.

Membership 26.

*Commander, John W. Mentor.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

W. G. Hunter.	Cyrus Sherman.
John A. Hubbell.	Hiram W. Treat.
Luther Stone.	Chas. Cowan.
A. H. Daughn.	N. B. Goodfellow, Post 255.
S. B. Southworth.	L. C. Mead.

WORTH POST NO. 105, TEKONSHA.

Chartered February 15, 1883.

Membership 15.

Commander, Willard Whitney.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

R. E. Eldrid.

C. C. Juckett.

Past Commanders.

Willard Whitney.	Wm. H. Davis.
William Gribbins.	Geo. Blashfield.
C. H. Miller.	

TIM LEWIS POST NO. 107, DIMONDALE.

Chartered March 17, 1883.

Membership 23.

*Commander, John Spitler.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Chas. H. Holcomb.

Henry Clafflin.

Past Commanders.

*Andrew Pray.	A. D. Carlton.
N. P. Bateman.	Jas. A. Bell.
John Spitler.	*O. G. Andrews.
*Albert Shotwell.	E. D. Butler.

EARL HALBERT POST NO. 108, GRAND LEDGE.

Chartered March 15, 1883.

Membership 62.

*Commander, W. R. Pierce.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*E. O. Russell.

A. E. Elliott.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Past Commanders.

*J. S. Holmes.
W. D. Southworth.
*H. L. Bigelow.
B. F. Sanborn.
*J. D. Summers.

*N. W. Tracy.
D. G. Kennedy.
*Henry Munn.
*John C. Clark.

BUTTERWORTH POST NO. 109, COLDWATER.

Chartered March 9, 1883.

Membership 106.

*Commander, L. S. Daniels.

Delegates.

*Jefferson Burns.
*Harmon Teinerson.

Alternates.

Edwin Fox.
Chas. Cluff.

Past Commanders.

N. A. Reynolds.
*Geo. H. Turner.
Henry Firth.
H. C. Simons.
L. A. Dillingham.
*Alfred Milnes.
B. K. Robbins.
Frank Eaton.

C. W. Bennett.
T. S. Osborn.
Chas. R. Thompson.
F. D. Newberry.
H. H. Benson.
*E. E. Lewis.
L. S. Daniels.

DE GOLYER POST NO. 110, HUDSON.

Chartered March 12, 1883.

Membership 30.

*Commander, Edwin Camp.

Delegate.

*John O. Dillon.

Alternate.

B. E. Westfall.

Past Commanders.

R. A. Beach.
Fred Barkway.
Edwin Camp.
*A. H. Boies.
Mathew Burt.

J. K. Periman.
C. H. Eastman.
*Wm. A. Barnard.
Orlando Haynes.

J. B. BRAINARD POST NO. 111, EATON RAPIDS.

Chartered March 14, 1883.

Membership 119.

*Commander, L. W. Ramsey.

Delegates.

*B. K. Crandall.
G. B. Van Norsdall.
*Wm. F. Holmes.

Alternates.

P. A. Canfield.
A. Holbrook.
J. Thompson.

Past Commanders.

*G. W. Norton.
*H. B. Olmsted.
W. D. Brainard.
*Eli Cook.
Geo. Noble.
Jasper Rolph.
*Roswell West.

*D. M. Beman.
*L. A. Fowler.
*H. J. Milburn.
*Alonzo Cheney.
*C. B. Fowler.
*J. J. Holmes.
*N. J. De Bar.

JOHN CRYDERMAN POST NO. 112, MULLIKEN.

Chartered March 16, 1883.

Membership 13.

Commander, Pomeroy Canfield.

Delegate.

W. W. Thompson.
L. H. Wilcox.

Alternate.

L. D. Fisher.

Past Commanders.

MILES POST NO. 113, ST. CLAIR.

Chartered March 15, 1883.

Membership 11.

Commander, David P. Ingles.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Andrew Husel.

Past Commanders.

John Fink.

JOHN GILLULY POST NO. 114, FOWLERVILLE.

Chartered March 22, 1883.

Membership 40.

*Commander, W. M. Horton.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Geo. Converse.

*Sanford E. House.

Past Commanders.

Wm. M. Horton.

A. H. Smith.

G. D. Hamilton.

*C. E. Dunstan.

*Louis Coble.

Geo. L. Fisher.

ELLIOTT POST NO. 115, WHITE PIGEON.

Chartered March 23, 1883.

Membership 13.

Commander, Daniel Saunters.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Martin Luther.

Past Commanders.

Martin Luther.

*C. Y. Gardner.

A. J. Rowinsky.

D. G. ROYCE POST NO. 117, BYRON.

Chartered March 22, 1883.

Membership 8.

*Commander, L. C. Kanouse.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Jos. Schweikert.

P. Henry.

Past Commanders.

*G. LaDue.

Wm. Close.

J. Goff.

*W. H. Borst.

L. C. Kanouse.

A. Lewis.

H. H. NIMS POST NO. 118, LEXINGTON.

Chartered March 31, 1883.

Membership 13.

Commander, M. J. Dowling.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

R. Papst.

M. J. Dowling.

Oliver Yake.

Fred Keener.

L. M. Brown.

WADELL POST NO. 120, HOWELL.

Chartered April 5, 1883.

Membership 44.

*Commander, A. F. Peavy.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*M. M. Bullock.

E. Musson.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Past Commanders.

G. W. Axtell.
R. E. Parshall.
Frank Jordan.
*Marshall Borden.
Geo. Barnes.
E. D. Sargent.

*John McGivner.
*R. D. W. Woodworth.
Asa Parshall.
Calvin Wilcox.
*M. W. Dickinson.
H. H. Collins.

PAP THOMAS POST NO. 121, CHESANING.

Chartered April 6, 1883.

Membership 26.

Commander, Orion W. Damon.

Delegate.

E. B. Frink.

Alternate.

Frank Van Gorder.

Past Commanders.

John Marshall.
S. B. Vannocker.
H. T. Weaver.

David O. Quigley.
Hyman Lee.

CARVER POST NO. 123, FRANKFORT.

Chartered April 7, 1883.

Membership 15.

Commander, C. C. Forney.

Delegate.

Wm. H. Wood.

Alternate.

E. Z. Guild.

Past Commanders.

John Hallabaugh.
John S. Perry.

A. J. Schuester.

FITZGERALD POST NO. 125, HASTINGS.

Chartered April 11, 1883.

Membership 46.

*Commander, Wm. Langston.

Delegate.

Frank G. Pierce.

Alternate.

L. D. Mosier.

Past Commanders.

H. H. Trask.
M. B. Todd.
H. Marble.
Travers Philips.
J. W. Cutler.
H. Palmieter.
Jos. C. Wardell.

Oliver H. Greenfield.
D. E. Birdsall.
J. W. Bronson.
W. H. Garrison.
Caleb W. Moore.
B. W. Shimer.

DAN S. ROOT POST NO. 126, BELDING.

Chartered April 14, 1883.

Membership 35.

*Commander, Frank R. Chase.

Delegate.

*Mat Kohn.

Alternate.

Edger Berry.

Past Commanders.

*B. F. Tower.
W. R. Olds.
C. M. Slayton.

Frank R. Chase.
J. H. Keeney.

"BILLY" BEGOLE POST NO. 127, MAPLE RAPIDS.

Chartered April 15, 1883.

Membership 21.

Commander, J. E. Jones.

Delegate.

S. M. Boyle.

Alternate.

Past Commanders.

Robert Anderson.
Thomas Anderson.
S. M. Boyle.

J. A. Knickerbocker.
J. E. Jones.

B. G. HUTCHINSON POST NO. 120, FOWLER.

Chartered April 21, 1883.

Membership 11.

Commander, W. E. Hamilton.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

*F. A. Stowe.
Jesse Evarts.

*Wm. M. Young.
Edward Case.

HENRY M. LIDDLE POST NO. 131, COLON.

Chartered April 21, 1883.

Membership 29.

Commander, E. P. Wellsley.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

C. A. Lamberson.

*E. Smith.

Past Commanders.

John L. Lyttle.
William Boughton.
Charles Clement.
*E. Kemerling.

W. T. Renner.
John Anderson.
John A. Mosher.

JOHN MEGABRAH POST NO. 132, PORTLAND.

Chartered April 27, 1883.

Membership 49.

*Commander, W. G. Miner.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*E. C. Fox.

John W. Klots.

Past Commanders.

H. W. Holcomb.
Vincent Taylor.
John W. Van Horn.
*Wm. G. Miner.

H. C. Glines.
*H. Outwater.
J. D. Woodbury.
J. B. Blacksom.

SAMUEL JUDD POST NO. 133, NEWAYGO.

Chartered April 27, 1883.

Membership 19.

Commander, S. D. Thompson.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

J. H. Edwards.
S. D. Thompson.
W. H. Ostrom.

L. C. Gates.
S. Bartram.
Geo. Morse.

FRED W. WALKER POST NO. 134, MT. MORRIS.

Chartered April 27, 1883.

Membership 12.

Commander, Geo. Schiebel.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Dexter Douglas.

John R. Benson.

Past Commanders.

J. C. C. Stephens.
*Geo. W. Clute.
*John Hughes.

M. W. Fairbanks.
John Mitchell.
U. Bache.

Commander, E. R. Porter.

Delegate.

F. M. Green.

Alternate.

James Wildy.

Past Commanders.

J. A. Bond.
John Castle.
H. E. Plant.
A. G. Hayward.

T. W. Dandy.
John Howard.
John Eckhoff.

WELCH POST NO. 137, ANN ARBOR.

Chartered May 8, 1883.

Membership 54.

Commander, Wm. Baird.

Delegate.

*John Cushing.

Alternate.

L. D. Gross.

Past Commanders.

*Henry S. Dean.
*J. Q. A. Sessions.
*J. M. Perkins.
*W. H. Jackson.
Chas. H. Manley.
*W. R. Childs.
W. A. Clark.
N. P. Jacobs.
*Robt. Campbell.

*Harrison Soule.
*H. J. Pierson.
*A. F. Martin.
Fred Pestorius.
Silas P. Hill.
Herman Knapp.
*R. L. Warren.
*C. H. Stevens.

R. M. JOHNSON POST NO. 138, FERRY.

Chartered May 18, 1883.

Membership 8.

Commander, J. H. Critchet.

Delegate.

P. W. Parish.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

T. P. Landon.

HORACE S. ROBERTS POST NO. 139, ALPENA.

Chartered May 23, 1883.

Membership 29.

Commander, Frank Hasell.

Delegate.

Frank Emerick.

Alternate.

Wm. J. Hovy.

Past Commanders.

J. J. Potter.
C. M. Demming.
A. C. Rice.

Frank Hasell.
John C. Viall.

BEERS POST NO. 140, TECUMSEH.

Chartered May 18, 1881.

Membership 53.

Commander, J. M. Ingersoll.

Delegate.

*H. H. Smith.

Alternate.

J. J. Hubbard.

Past Commanders.

*Elwill Camborn.
*J. W. Wightman.
*A. W. Mills.
*John D. Shull.
H. J. Sweet.
H. C. Daniels.
Chas. Davis.

I. N. Ingersoll.
*H. W. Stevens.
*Geo. J. Keyser.
Elmer A. Wilson.
Wm. Smith.
Henry Wagner.

A. MACOMBER POST NO. 141, LAKEVIEW.

Chartered May 25, 1883.

Membership 25.

Commander, Hiram Cornwell.

Delegate.

T. H. Ingersoll.

Alternate.

H. Rossman.

Past Commanders.

O. A. Adams.
John W. LaRue.
C. S. Vinning.
August Wilcox.

Leonard Rossman.
B. S. Vest.
C. M. Moon.
Hiram Cornwell.

WHITESIDES POST NO. 143, CARO.

Chartered May 25, 1883.

Membership 9.

Commander, Lyman C. Grady.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***TURBILL POST NO. 144, LAPEER.**

Chartered May 29, 1883.

Membership 44.

*Commander, O. S. Church.

Delegate.

Thos. Curston.

Alternate.

*Geo. Barber.

Past Commanders.

*Robt. King.
*O. S. Church.
G. W. Cramton.
*F. McElroy.

Louis O. Bryan.
Geo. B. Farquaharson.
Peter Bessette.
*David R. Laing.

GOV. CRAPO POST NO. 145, FLINT.

Chartered June 7, 1883.

Membership 120.

*Commander, Jas. H. Failing.

Delegates.

Ray Mitchell.

*Abram Van Arman.

Alternates.

Jos. Remington.

Jas. Williams.

Past Commanders.

O. F. Lockhead.
*M. C. Barney.
Chas. L. Bentley.
Paul Countryman.
*John W. Begg.
Frank E. Willetts.
*Ed. C. Marsh.
Jarvis E. Albro.

J. W. Benjamin.
*Joseph Rush.
Geo. E. Newell.
*Geo. Raab.
*James H. Failing.
Jas. W. Van Tassel.
Thos. A. Willitts.
E. A. Jennings.

CAPT. WILSON POST NO. 146, WALDRON.

Chartered June 8, 1883.

Membership 15.

Commander, E. H. Weaver.

Delegate.

W. B. Moore.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

A. Gibbs.
C. H. Gorouch.
W. B. Moore.

S. W. Yeagle.
E. N. Weaver.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

DICK RICHARDSON POST NO. 147, PONTIAC.

Chartered June 11, 1883.

Membership 50.

*Commander, Sam'l H. Giles.

Delegate.

Thomas Wyckoff.

Alternate.

W. E. Sprague.

Past Commanders.

*Wm. H. Morgans.

*John Benjamin.

*D. Judson Hammond.

*D. S. Howard.

*Samuel Giles.

James Orr.

Chauncey Brace.

*S. S. Mathews.

B. J. Fuller.

*Lucious Looree.

*S. J. Cloonan.

*Wm. Cheals.

E. S. Whitcomb.

*D. C. Nale.

H. F. Daniels.

DALHGREEN POST NO. 149, HOLTON.

Chartered June 13, 1883.

Membership 21.

Commander, Jos. Zerlant.

Delegate.

Isaac Smith.

Alternate.

A. H. Van Antwerp.

Past Commanders.

H. W. Crawford.

James T. Henry.

J. B. Ruggles.

Oliver Lewis.

D. D. Church.

Aaron Kitchen.

Chas. L. Buzzell.

Joseph Zerlant.

Fred J. Clark.

Geo. H. Buzzell.

Geo. D. Thompson.

Jos. Bermir.

RALPH ELY POST NO. 150, SHEPHERD.

Chartered June 12, 1883.

Membership 18.

Commander, J. B. Struble.

Delegate.

R. Wellman.

William Suix.

J. B. Strubel.

*Past Commanders.**Alternate.*

I. N. Fordyce.

J. B. Northrop.

WILLIAM MOYER POST NO. 151, ALMA.

Chartered July 11, 1883.

Membership 43.

Commander, J. C. Gardner.

Delegate.

*Byron Barber.

Alternate.

Solomen Wilber.

Past Commanders.

John Greig.

V. M. Wilson.

Ezra Robinson.

E. N. Chadwick.

Francis Hawley.

J. W. Holmes.

Henry Wise.

Geo. Willard.

Lafayette Stevens.

Jos. Sartor.

HIEL P. CLARK POST NO. 153, SABANAC.

Chartered July 2, 1883.

Membership 25.

Commander, S. E. Bever.

Delegate.

F. T. Haskins.

Alternate.

*Shelden Curtis.

Past Commanders.

H. A. Harton.
F. T. Haskin..
Nathan Hubble.
Marshal Tanner.

A. W. Knee.
*W. H. Pinckney.
S. C. Pickins.

GREGG POST NO. 155, HOMER.

Chartered July 11, 1883.

Membership 11.

Delegate.

Commander, Nathan D. Budon.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

C. D. Burt.
A. P. Wyant.

D. H. James.
W. P. Marsh.

CHAS. E. GRISSON POST NO. 156, ST. JOHNS.

Chartered July 5, 1883.

Membership 69.

Delegate.

*Commander, W. M. Leland.

Alternate.

*G. H. Sowle.

Geo. W. Kimble.

Past Commanders.

*John W. Bradner.
*W. N. Stocker.
M. A. Kniffin.
O. E. Wilson.
J. P. Minard.

N. S. Parmalee.
J. L. Ring.
D. S. French.
W. M. Leland.

ALBERT ANDERSON POST NO. 157, CASSOPOLIS.

Chartered July 6, 1883.

Membership 17.

Delegate.

*Commander, Jacob McIntosh.

Alternate.

H. C. Walker.

John D. Williams.

Past Commanders.

M. A. Abbott.
Jas. M. Shepard.

Norris Richardson.

COLONEL ELY POST NO. 158, ELM HALL.

Chartered July 10, 1883.

Membership 24.

Delegate.

Commander, Chas. D. Hills.

Alternate.

Chas. D. Hill.

L. A. Carmer.

Past Commanders.

Seneca Sly.
Geo. Rockafellow.
C. M. Guild.
A. N. Morton.
A. E. Winters.
J. W. Fullerton.

C. E. Prime.
James Toy.
Augustus Wise.
R. Schnepf.
*Geo. Oliver.
John B. Wood.

HILL POST NO. 159, MIDDLEVILLE.

Chartered July 11, 1883.

Membership 10.

Delegate.

Commander, D. W. Johnson.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

A. A. Tewksbury.
*D. W. Johnson.
Wm. McConnell.

H. B. Carveth.
J. S. Johnson.
J. W. Gould.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

HENRY F. WALLACE POST NO. 160, CORUNNA.

Chartered July 12, 1883.

Membership 32.

<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>*Commander, Wm. E. Jacobs.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
Wm. H. Morrison.		*Simon Anthony.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
L. H. Wilcox.		*Andrew Porter.
Geo. D. Morean.		Philip Kline.
*J. C. Thomas.		H. DePugh.
J. J. Peacock.		*Wm. E. Jacobs.
*A. L. Adams.		E. D. Babcock.
Ed. Conley.		

F. U. FARQUHAR POST NO. 162, DETROIT.

Chartered July 20, 1883.

Membership 15.

<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>*Commander, John McCredie.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	

EDWARD DWIGHT POST NO. 163, VERMONTVILLE.

Chartered July 30, 1883.

Membership 37.

<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>*Commander, E. Tyler.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
Wm. Wright.		Israel Bogue.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
J. N. Hawkins.		*C. F. Fuller.
D. M. Purchis.		C. S. Snell.
F. M. Potter.		H. H. Brown.
C. A. Hollenbeck.		Orlando Gunn.

O. COLGROVE POST NO. 166, MARSHALL.

Chartered August 4, 1838.

Membership 56.

<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>*Commander, S. W. Thompson.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
*Pery Mayo.		Chas. Finch.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*Henry H. Miller.		S. W. Thompson.
*Arthur Philips.		C. F. Walter.
*David Walkinshaw.		Edson Treadwell.
*John R. Roe.		*S. B. Shotwell.
*Henry A. Clute.		R. Z. Case.
John Cuzzins.		

MURRAY POST NO. 168, MAPLE CITY.

Chartered August 11, 1883.

Membership 9.

<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Commander, Wm. L. Bickle.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
A. S. Fritz.		N. W. Harrington.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Marvin LaCore.		N. W. Harrington.
J. W. Dickerman.		Wm. Bickle.
A. S. Fritz.		John Dayo.
Chester McIntyre.		

LUMBAR POST NO. 170, PETOSKEY.

Chartered August 11, 1883.

Membership 73.

Delegate.

Wilbur F. Lawton.

Commander, David Smith.

Alternate.

C. F. Hankey.

Past Commanders.

Ora E. Clark.
V. A. Baker.
Melvin Burch.
Horace Pardee.
A. F. Ruch.
T. S. Langridge.
Jos. A. C. Rowan.
Edwin A. Dunton.

H. A. Crull.
Thos. McCabe.
Thos. Keyes.
Edward N. Tracy.
*Wilbur F. Lawton.
Louis A. Labadie.
W. R. Montgomery.
Jos. B. Jordon.

JULIUS T. BARETT POST NO. 173, CARBON CITY.

Chartered August 22, 1883.

Membership 39.

Delegate.

*Edward Ralph.

Commander, Geo. W. Garner.

Alternate.

John Kipp.

Past Commanders.

*C. H. Morse.
Geo. W. Garner.
L. M. Lyon.
E. M. Howell.
W. A. Sweet.
Jas. F. Fillmore.
A. A. Richardson.

Alex. McCuaig.
A. J. Chambers.
Geo. R. Gibbs.
G. D. VanDusen.
D. M. Shelley.
Geo. Sanderson.
C. W. Churchill.

E. R. STILES POST NO. 174, HANCOCK.

Chartered August 30, 1883.

Membership 24.

Delegate.

Graham Pope.

Commander, Wm. H. Mason.

Alternate.

Chas. Smith.

Past Commanders.

A. J. Scott.
W. H. Mason.
Chas. Smith.
Geo. Johnson.

Arno Jachnig.
H. B. Rogers.
Graham Pope.

C. F. SMITH POST NO. 175, ESCANABA.

Chartered September 1, 1883.

Membership 18.

Delegate.

Hiram Wellman.

Commander, Emil Glaser.

Alternate.

August Nehls.

Past Commanders.

A. H. Rolph.
Norman A. Eddy.
John Power.

Samuel Atkins.
Emil Glaser.

MONTCALM POST NO. 176, STANTON.

Chartered December 6, 1895.

Membership 8.

Delegate.

Commander, John C. Grooms.

Alternate.

E. D. Childs.
*Henry M. Hempstead.
Asa Morse.
John C. Grooms.

John Steele.
John B. Cole.
Chas. W. Blumberg.

CHAS. S. TRAVERSE POST NO. 177, CAPAC.

Chartered August 17, 1883.

Membership 22.

Commander, Ezra Frantz.

Delegate.

A. C. Fairbrother.

Alternate.

R. M. Curtiss.

Past Commanders.

A. C. Fairbrother.
R. C. McNaught.
Andrew Curry.
Chester Williams.
Fred Ross.

Ezra S. Frantz.
Wm. C. Huggett.
A. A. Smith.
B. I. Wade.

TOM CUSTER POST NO. 178, SHERIDAN.

Chartered August 29, 1883.

Membership 17.

Commander, G. Schoneman.

Delegate.

*Samuel Sage.

Alternate.

W. H. Jones.

Past Commanders.

Daniel Fero.
Lorenzo Allen.
D. A. Pond.

C. D. Harris.
A. T. Willyard.

DEWITT C. RUSSELL POST NO. 179, BRIGHTON.

Chartered August 30, 1883.

Membership 19.

Commander, L. H. Westphale.

Delegate.

*J. W. Fulton.

Alternate.

S. A. Smith.

Past Commanders.

*Wm. W. Pentlin.
Wm. Halleck.
Mark Featherly.
James Shanks.

H. P. Martin.
*Daniel Smith.
G. J. Roetcke.

CARPENTER POST NO. 180, YPSILANTI.

Chartered August 30, 1883.

Membership 49.

*Commander, Frank Joslyn.

Delegate.

*Jos. H. Woodman.

Alternate.

Isaiah Rynerson.

Past Commanders.

*S. B. Merness.
*Jerome Allen.
*Eugene Holbrook.
*H. C. Rankin.
*S. A. Ferguson.
*D. W. Shipman.
John Chapman.
J. H. Woodman.

*H. S. Boutell.
A. D. L. Kinsley.
*J. C. Tuttle.
Frank Joslyn.
*O. P. Showers.
*Isaiah Rynerson.
*Isaac E. Springer.
Henry Nieman.

HEBER LE FAVOUR POST NO. 181, MILFORD.

Chartered September 3, 1883.

Membership 65.

*Commander, N. B. Babcock.

Delegate.

*Decatur Childs.

Alternate.

Robert Malcom.

Past Commanders.

O. D. Stephens.
 John W. Stevens.
 Willis L. Smith.
 *Alex. J. McCall.
 *Andrew Muir.
 *J. F. Beaumont.
 H. S. White.
 Walter Crawford.
 *Geo. W. Sturdevant.

*Joseph Allen.
 *Judson Fielden.
 H. Walter Nichols.
 Spencer D. Lee.
 Lyman Cate.
 H. A. Rexford.
 *Samuel W. McCall.
 *James D. Rowe.
 *Albert Manypenny.

HENRY DOBSON POST NO. 182, FREMONT.

Chartered September 18, 1883.

Membership 37.

Commander, Fred M. Nay.

Delegate.

S. P. O'Dell.

Alternate.

T. H. Smith.

Past Commanders.

C. I. Rathbone.
 E. E. Giddings.
 A. M. Phelps.
 F. A. Bacon.

S. G. Allen.
 M. D. Cole.
 F. M. Jackson.

J. B. McPHERSON POST NO. 183, HOLLY.

Chartered September 20, 1883.

Membership 13.

*Commander, D. E. Hathaway.

Delegate.

*Wm. Narrin.

Alternate.

Charles Woodworth.

Past Commanders.

Silas Fletcher.
 *D. W. Thompson.
 Frank Downey.

L. M. Newell.
 Edwin J. Eisinger.
 D. E. Hathaway.

JOHN BROWN POST NO. 184, DETROIT.

Chartered September 24, 1883.

Membership 14.

Commander, Geo. W. Moore.

Delegate.

Samuel Smith.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Isaac Fielder.

HACKETT POST NO. 185, BRONSON.

Chartered September 25, 1883.

Membership 44.

Commander, Alonzo Butler.

Delegate.

*Frederick P. Ellis.

Alternate.

Elisha Bailey.

Past Commanders.

Charles Hamilton.
 Henry Lilly.
 David Gibbs.
 Geo. H. Bolton.
 Roman L. Whipple.
 John Taggart.
 Richard Coward.

*Frank E. Hadley.
 James P. Allen.
 Wells Knapp.
 Daniel Rich.
 Robert Hurst.
 Thos. Eberhard.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

FRANK POWELL POST NO. 187, OXFORD.

Chartered September 27, 1883.

Membership 37.

Commander, W. O. Davis.

Delegate.

Chas. B. Clark.

Alternate.

G. P. West.

Past Commanders.

C. H. Crawford.
Gleason F. Perry.
L. L. Hoffman.

H. E. Nichols.
W. O. Davis.

GEO. C. WHITNEY POST NO. 188, HADLEY.

Chartered October 5, 1883.

Membership 12.

Commander, Lucius Sanborn.

Delegate.

Geo. Thompson.
J. P. Suiter.
N. N. Green.

Past Commanders.

Alternate.

Geo. A. Cramton.
F. M. Goodale.
Lucius Sanborn.

WALLACE BROWN POST NO. 190, BIRCH RUN.

Chartered October 12, 1883.

Membership 13.

Commander, Wm. H. Ferguson.

Delegate.

William L. Morse.

Alternate.

Benj. Fisher.

Past Commanders.

W. H. Ferguson.
Wm. H. H. Douglas.
Milton Hadsal.

*Victor B. Rottiers.
Richard M. Johnson.
John Irish.

O. J. FAST POST NO. 193, MENDON.

Chartered October 19, 1883.

Membership 14.

Commander, Geo. A. Stevens.

Delegate.

*Henry Huff.
John C. Jones.
John Larkin.

Past Commanders.

Alternate.

States A. McCoy.
Geo. A. Stevens.

JAMES BRADLEY POST NO. 194, CLIO.

Chartered October 28, 1883.

Membership 36.

Commander, Chas. Beeman.

Delegate.

*Cyrus Perigo.

Alternate.

H. E. Monroe.

Past Commanders.

James L. Curry.
W. H. Sargent.
Chas. Wolson.

J. W. Buffinn.
Geo. Van Nest.
J. Lonsberry.

L. C. WOODMAN POST NO. 196, LAWTON.

Chartered October 28, 1883.

Membership 44.

*Commander, C. W. Perine.

Delegate.

Henry Carey.

Alternate.

James Clark.

Past Commanders.

George Beldon.
John Mahard.
Jerome Stone.
*James H. Hall.
Chas. D. Hooper.

Benj. Burlington.
Geo. Erwin.
Samuel Mahon.
James Wood.

JOHN TUCKER POST NO. 197, ORTONVILLE.

Chartered November 2, 1883.

Membership 13.

*Commander, Wm. Moore.

Delegate.

*Frank Thayer.

Alternate.

H. R. Jones.

Past Commanders.

Delos Adams.
J. R. Kipp.
W. O. Davis.

Wm. H. Moore.
F. M. Jones.
Thomas Nicholson.

JAMES STEDMAN POST NO. 193, REED CITY.

Chartered November 5, 1883.

Membership 18.

*Commander, W. Corbett.

*Delegate.**Past Commanders.*

Chas. Randall.
Daniel Donovan.
H. C. Stoddard.
Adolph Florida.

Alternate.

David Randall.
W. W. Corbett.
Charles B. Williams.
Jerry Mann.

PERRY BAKER POST NO. 200, CARLETON.

Chartered November 15, 1883.

Membership 20.

Commander, Geo. H. Post.

Delegate.

*Geo. Burk.

Alternate.

LaFord.

Past Commanders.

H. D. Smith.
*W. C. Watson.
*F. Ballou.

J. Fahnestock.
Walter Viles.
M. L. Baker.

MCGINLEY POST NO. 201, MANISTEE.

Chartered December 6, 1883.

Membership 26.

Commander, E. W. Muenschner.

Delegate.

*Thos. P. Steadman.

Alternate.

W. T. Brain.

Past Commanders.

Geo. A. Hart.
Allen McKee.
J. L. Manseau.

Wm. T. Brain.
J. F. Albrow.
E. W. Muenschner.

ALBERT NYE POST NO. 202, ROMEO.

Chartered December 13, 1883.

Membership 14.

*Commander, Freeborn H. Price.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Freeborn H. Price.
S. Vandecar.

George A. Hines.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

L. B. QUACKENBUSH POST NO. 206, OWASSO.

Chartered December 21, 1883.

Membership 83.

*Commander, Gilbert L. Osborn.

Delegate.

*John F. Hutton.

Alternate.

Geo. H. Brock.

Past Commanders.

*Chas. Freeman.
 *Julius Frieseke.
 O. F. Webster.
 *Chas. L. Paris.
 *M. C. Dawes.
 Willard Knapp.
 *W. R. Smith.

Robert Gray.
 John Q. Adams.
 *Thos. M. Wiley.
 *Wm. Guipe.
 S. W. Sadler.
 *Duane C. Cooper.
 *Leonard S. Bowles.

MAJOR WEBER POST NO. 206, BELLAIRE.

Chartered December 21, 1883.

Membership 25.

*Commander, C. S. Smith.

Delegate.

*John Bush.

Alternate.

J. T. Watrous.

Past Commanders.

Henry W. Stewart.
 Roswell Leavitt.
 Wm. J. May.
 James C. Abbott.

Elijah Baker.
 F. W. Bechtold.
 C. S. Smith.

GEORGE A. CUSTER POST NO. 208, GALIEN.

Chartered December 28, 1883.

Membership 21.

*Commander, B. R. Sterns.

Delegate.

M. J. Morley.

Alternate.

Geo. Bryant.

Past Commanders.

Henry Keefer.
 Wm. H. Beach.
 Alonzo Goodenough.
 B. F. Yaw.
 Dan W. Swem.

Wm. F. Swem.
 Geo. Roberts.
 John Penwell.
 Samuel Jackson.

ELI ALVORD POST NO. 209, MONTGOMERY.

Chartered December 27, 1883.

Membership 16.

Commander, R. Kelso.

*Delegate**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

E. R. Fitzsimmons.
 C. W. Hall.
 C. R. Dillon.
 H. Bigbey.

C. J. Reynolds.
 Robt. Kelso.
 T. D. Butler.
 J. B. Frost.

E. H. HOLLINGSWORTH POST NO. 210, ALBION.

Chartered January 4, 1884.

Membership 73.

*Commander, Levi S. Warren.

Delegate.

*Jos. Ruff.

Alternate.

Jos. L. Thomas.

Past Commanders.

*O. G. Hubbard.
 J. H. Perine.
 C. T. Smith.
 O. S. Stevens.
 W. M. Loder.

Wm. Hastings.
 F. E. Palmer.
 *H. F. Gilbert.
 Robt. R. Robinson.
 *Washington Gardner.

WM. H. BORDEN POST NO. 211, IONIA.

Chartered December 28, 1883.

Membership 81.

*Commander, J. L. Fowle.

*Delegates.**W. A. Woods.
E. J. Van Doren.*Alternates.**E. S. Shattuck.
E. I. Bensinger.*Past Commanders.*J. H. Kidd.
M. M. Currier.
*O. H. Perry.
*C. A. Cornell.
*A. H. Heath.H. P. Hilton.
J. L. Fowle.
M. L. Pike.
F. S. Hutchinson.
I. Buck.**JOS. B. MASON POST NO. 213, BELLEVUE.**

Chartered January 4, 1884.

Membership 26.

Commander, R. B. Bishop.

Delegate.

L. B. Cook.

Alternate.

*Geo. Ackley.

*Past Commanders.*J. A. Burchard.
Alex. McKenzie.
G. F. Anson.
Wm. Hawley.
F. Hughes.R. B. Bishop.
Geo. P. Stevens.
S. W. Gibson.
Geo. Ackley.
Geo. Wooley.**WM. RICHARDSON POST NO. 214, MILLINGTON.**

Chartered January 4, 1884.

Membership 24.

*Commander, Elijah Howard.

Delegate.

John Case.

Alternate.

Will Roe.

*Past Commanders.*Samuel Atwood.
*Elijah Howard.
Irving Van Wagnor.
John A. Case.
Edward Caine.
Ruben Wilber.Sheldon Webster.
Wm. J. Hains.
Isaac T. Damon.
F. W. Titsworth.
Asa M. Davis.
Ira A. Sprague.**JOSEPH SMITH POST NO. 215, FULTON.**

Chartered January 12, 1884.

Membership 20.

Commander, L. V. Lyon.

Delegate.

W. J. Guthrie.

Alternate.

Jonathan Weaver.

*Past Commanders.*U. C. Case.
Arthur Longman.
A. A. Holcomb.
J. N. Barker.
S. C. Rosenberry.Warren Mullen.
O. M. Gates.
H. H. Kindig.
L. V. Lyon.**H. D. TERRY POST NO. 216, MT. CLEMENS.**

Chartered January 7, 1884.

Membership 27.

*Commander, Samuel Fuller.

Delegate.

*Isaac Williams.

Alternate.

A. R. Knight.

Samuel Trew.
Rozell Widrig.
Joseph Immen.
*J. F. Cotton.
Geo. W. Robertson.

*M. L. Skillman.
*Edwin Tharrett.
*August Steitzer.
*Gilbert Leroix.
*Nelson H. Miller.

W. B. WELLS POST NO. 218, LUTHER.

Chartered January 8, 1884.

Membership 27.

Commander, C. B. Streeter.

Delegate.

Henry Cutler.

Alternate.

Geo. W. Temple.

Past Commanders.

A. A. Miner.
G. Gundrum.
Chas. B. Streeter.
A. Ferris.
J. W. Nicholson.

N. R. Menold.
Wm. Judd.
Dulecene Stoughton.
Ernest Nicholson.

HENRY BAXTER POST NO. 219, JONESVILLE.

Chartered January 10, 1884.

Membership 12.

Commander, Geo. W. Coffin.

Delegate.

S. J. Snook.
Eli H. Reynolds.
M. Bliss.

Past Commanders.

Alternate.

Wm. Cooley.
G. W. Coffin.
H. J. Riggs.

BRADLEY POST NO. 221, HARRISON.

Chartered January 16, 1884.

Membership 14.

Commander, H. W. Hughs.

Delegate.

Joseph Saunders.

Alternate.

David Taylor.

Past Commanders.

Wm. E. Aldrich.
Andrew Murphy.
Samuel Pierce.

Arthur E. Doty.
Henry H. Bogue.
H. W. Hughes.

BUDDOCK POST NO. 224, CHEBOYGAN.

Chartered February 8, 1884.

Membership 16.

Commander, Chas. S. Ramsay.

Delegate.

Robt. Braham.

Alternate.

H. A. Blake.

Past Commanders.

*Geo. P. Humphrey.
John Baker.
Robt. Braham.

E. A. Bouchard.
C. S. Ramsey.
Henry A. Blake.

GEO. MARTIN POST NO. 227, EAST PORT.

Chartered February 22, 1884

Membership 13.

Commander, O. W. Whitney.

Delegate.

S. B. Anway.

Alternate.

Fred LaDue.

Past Commanders.

J. S. Arnold.
John McPherson.
O. W. Whitney.

H. H. Chamberlain.
C. Chamberlain.
J. O. McEwan.

FAIRCHILD'S POST NO. 228, GRASS LAKE.

Chartered February 22, 1884.

Membership 23.

*Commander, Thos. Durbin.

Delegate.

John E. Irwin.

Alternate.

*A. S. Patchin.

Past Commanders.

E. L. Cooper.
*John Erwin.

Martin Hoofnagle.
John W. Ford.

HARVEY TUCKER POST NO. 229, MARINE CITY.

Chartered February 22, 1884.

Membership 13.

Commander, Alex. Stearns.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

John W. Ackley.
Wm. Baird.
Henry S. Manchester.

Geo. Hornbusel.
Wm. Kiddle.
Alex. Stearns.

EDDY POST NO. 231, PLYMOUTH.

Chartered February 22, 1884.

Membership 6.

Commander, A. Pelham.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

M. R. Weeks.
Walter Kenster.

*T. V. Quackenbush.

MILO WARNER POST NO. 232, CASS CITY.

Chartered February 27, 1884.

Membership 15.

Commander, D. P. Deming.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Geo. S. Farrar.

J. M. Fenn.

OSCAR BARTLETT POST NO. 233, WALES.

Chartered February 4, 1884.

Membership 25.

Commander, Wm. Grunwell.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Chas. H. Fitz.

Orvil Cowles.

Past Commanders.

William Grunwell.
Elihu Ackerman.
Wm. Smith.
B. M. Jenne.
Jos. Nestle.

Henry Maurer.
H. C. Mudge.
Newell Bowen.
Wm. Baldock.

O. H. READ POST NO. 234, HUBBARDSTON.

Chartered March 4, 1884.

Membership 19.

Commander, J. A. Churchill.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

E. C. Read.
J. A. Churchill.

A. S. Harris.
H. W. Browne.

WALTER CLIFFORD POST NO. 235, BOYNE CITY.

Chartered March 20, 1884.

Membership 17.

Commander, John A. Newvill.

Delegate.

Alternate.

Past Commanders.

John A. Newvill.
John Jones.
F. M. Gates.

Wm. Mears.
Van R. Newville.

PETER A. WEBER POST NO. 237, ROCKFORD.

Chartered March 20, 1884.

Membership 13.

*Commander, Chas. A. Jaqua.

Delegate.

Alternate.

Merza Weller.

Ezra Chaffee.

Past Commanders.

*Chas. A. Haner.
D. L. Reynolds.
A. L. Picket.

*C. F. Sears.
*James Eadie.
Wm. Bennett.

MARVIN POST NO. 240, GRAYLING.

Chartered March 20, 1884.

Membership 25.

*Commander, Wright Havens.

Delegate.

Alternate.

Past Commanders.

*O. Palmer.
A. L. Pond.
A. C. Wilcox.
Adelbert Taylor.

*Dell Smith.
W. S. Chalker.
Dan S. Waldron.

FRANK MASON POST NO. 242, ATHENS.

Chartered April 5, 1884.

Membership 13.

*Commander, Wm. H. Wilson.

Delegate.

Alternate.

*Henry Kahler.

Dan'l Wilcox.

Past Commanders.

B. F. Taylor.
Herman T. Watkins.
Jas. E. Mason.

Joel Lee.
Jas. Oldacre.
James H. Paul.

JOSEPH MASON POST NO. 245, WACOUSTA.

Chartered April 25, 1884.

Membership 17.

Commander, Joel E. Parks.

Delegate.

Alternate.

Quincy L. Lafler.

Past Commanders.

Quincy L. Taylor.
Alex. Dixon.

Henry M. Burns.
Chas. T. Andrus.

WA-BU-NO POST NO. 250, MT. PLEASANT.

Chartered April 24, 1884.

Membership 58.

Commander, Samuel R. Morrison.

Delegate.

*L. F. Hall.

Alternate.

G. W. Crosby.

Past Commanders.

John A. Harris.

H. E. Duel.

Warner Churchill.

Samuel R. Morrison.

A. B. Crane.

J. T. JONES POST NO. 252, HOWARD CITY.

Chartered April 29, 1884.

Membership 31.

*Commander, L. L. Church.

Delegate.

F. A. Narwood.

Alternate.

J. H. Ingles.

Past Commanders.

Geo. M. Doty.

H. W. Perkins.

O. J. Knapp.

J. A. Dockeway.

*L. L. Church.

LONSON POST NO. 255, MAYVILLE.

Chartered May 29, 1884.

Membership 22.

*Commander, A. L. Bryant.

Delegate.

Wm. Kelch.

Alternate.

*Nathan Goodfeller.

Past Commanders.

A. B. Markham.

J. R. Perry.

F. C. Michael.

J. W. James.

*A. L. Bryant.

Wm. Graubner.

WM. M. FENTON POST NO. 258, ST. IGNACE.

Chartered June 21, 1884.

Membership 15.

Commander, P. D. Bissell.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Jesse Warren.

H. B. Cornell.

A. J. Gunnell.

J. B. Tawlyn.

S. A. Snyder.

Frank S. Walker.

A. STEWART POST NO. 259, LITCHFIELD.

Chartered June 24, 1884.

Membership 22.

Commander, L. A. Howard.

Delegate.

J. Hadley.

Alternate.

*G. W. Dobson.

Past Commanders.

Frank W. Barber.

O. E. Chapman.

J. E. Austin.

E. A. Shattuck.

L. H. Howard.

Henry Smith.

CORY POST NO. 261, WAYNE.

Chartered July 12, 1884.

Membership 20.

*Commander, Duffey Duquett.

Delegate.

*Dan Huntley.

Alternate.

Jos. Pickett.

*Peter C. Bird.
Chas. Newkirk.
Gral Monroe.

*Curtis Brace.
*A. W. Thompson.
Duffey Duquett.

A. C. VAN RAALTE POST NO. 262, HOLLAND.

Chartered July 17, 1884.

Membership 45.

*Commander, Wm. Baumgartel.

Delegate.

*D. H. Clark.

Alternate.

L. DeKraker.

Past Commanders.

John Kramer.

Peter Wilms.

*Benj. Van Raalte.

*A. J. Ward.

*P. H. McBride.

G. W. Edgler.

GEN. HARKER POST NO. 263, VANDERBILT.

Chartered July 7, 1884.

Membership 17.

*Commander, J. G. Berry.

Delegate.

Alternate.

Past Commanders.

*N. C. G. Ashley.

Wm. Karslake.

T. C. Woodin.

G. C. Crissey.

W. H. Claspill.

Francis Warner.

*John G. Berry.

Martin J. Sehl.

JACKSON COREY POST NO. 264, WOLVERINE.

Chartered June, 1904.

Membership 10.

Commander, G. A. Stoddard.

Delegate.

Alternate.

Past Commanders.

A. W. Eck.

E. G. Beebe.

LYON POST NO. 266, MENOMINEE.

Chartered August 2, 1884.

Membership 21.

Commander, Jessie Hubbard.

Delegate.

Alternate.

Ira Carley.

Andrew Gram.

Past Commanders.

A. Whitehorn.

J. C. Sherman.

Andrew Gram.

M. Durocher.

A. B. Wells.

Ira Carley.

N. Goodrich.

Alonzo Dunning.

Norwood Bowers.

B. F. Phillips.

A. B. BeDell.

MARK THOMPSON POST NO. 269, PLAINWELL.

Chartered August 6, 1884.

Membership 25.

Commander, O. Tomlinson.

Delegate.

Alternate.

Past Commanders.

Chas. Mason.

John B. Swan.

Chas. Adams.

H. S. Stratton.

W. D. Talbot.

B. L. Kahler.

John H. Madden.

Arthur Hazelwood.

F. A. BUHL POST NO. 270, ECORSE.

Chartered February 27, 1890.

Membership 20.

*Commander, Justis R. Warner.

Delegate.

*P. Howe.

Alternate.

Jas. Hall.

Past Commanders.

Lewis Montry.
John Todd.
Sylvester Hay.
*Euphratus Ross.

Justin R. Warner.
Peter W. Reeves.
J. A. Burdeno.

BOYS-IN-BLUE POST NO. 271, MECOSTA.

Chartered August 15, 1884.

Membership 22.

*Commander, Wm. Lowrie.

Delegate.

Fred Car.

Alternate.

Geo. Warnetts.

Past Commanders.

Joseph Linebaugh.
F. J. Shaler.

William Lowrie.
Robert McGregory.

LUCIUS TAYLOR POST NO. 274, MILAN.

Chartered September 1, 1884.

Membership 36.

*Commander, James E. Johnson.

Delegate.

*Peter Swick.

Alternate.

Linn Barnes.

Past Commanders.

*A. D. Jackson.
John Steidler.
*Amos Wisdom.
*Wesley Robison.
*Chas. A. Heath.
James E. Johnson.

D. Case.
*S. H. Evans.
*Herbert Taylor.
John A. Jackson.
James Delaforce.

LEWIS CLARK POST NO. 275, OLIVET.

Chartered September 8, 1884.

Membership 17.

Commander, N. D. Lamphere.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Geo. Galusha.
Lester B. Taggart.
S. K. May.
Wm. Rogers.
N. D. Lamphear.

James H. Bosworth.
Geo. W. Sweet.
Henry Ramalie.
M. H. Hance.
Fred Ellis.

BRADFIELD POST NO. 276, ADA.

Chartered September 8, 1884.

Membership 14.

Commander, R. P. Harris.

Delegate.

Arthur E. Furmer.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Chas. F. Holt.
W. F. Dickerson.
David M. Winters.
John Hulbert.

William Grant.
James H. Martin.
W. W. Thomas.

Chartered September 12, 1884.

Membership 12.

*Commander, Wm. Barrett.

Delegate.

Worthy Perry.

Alternate.

Jessie Rosebush.

Past Commanders.

A. W. Dorland.

Geo. A. Allen.

E. T. Carrington.

H. Florence.

PERKINS POST NO. 279, SPRING LAKE.

Chartered September 16, 1884.

Membership 7.

*Commander, C. P. Brown.

Delegate.

Alternate.

Past Commanders.

*C. P. Brown.

*M. F. Reed.

*Geo. Volmer.

S. S. Rideout.

*E. J. Purim.

Martin Walsh.

AMOS E. STEELE POST NO. 280, NORTH MUSKEGON.

Chartered September 17, 1884.

Membership 14.

Commander, Samuel M. Croft.

Delegate.

Alternate.

Past Commanders.

Chas. E. Storrs.

Zoar H. Bates.

*Joseph Avery.

Geo. R. Kinsman.

B. L. Andrews.

Sam'l M. Croft.

MORGAN PARKER POST NO. 281, PETERSBURG.

Chartered October 18, 1884.

Membership 13.

Commander, F. Reinhardt.

Delegate.

Alternate.

*Thurber Breningstoll.

David Plumadore.

Past Commanders.

H. J. Brenningstall.

Jos. H. Proctor.

*Josiah M. Elder.

SAMUEL W. GRINNELL POST NO. 283, SUNFIELD.

Chartered October 23, 1884.

Membership 25.

Commander, William Edwins.

Delegate.

Alternate.

A. J. Barden.

Martin Wescot.

Past Commanders.

E. W. Taylor.

I. A. Eldred.

Geo. Richards.

C. Richards.

B. Peabody.

F. Linhart.

Wm. Edwins.

R. J. York.

A. Kreamer.

HENRY H. KNAPP POST NO. 284, DAVISON.

Chartered October 16, 1884.

Membership 20.

Commander, Wm. M. Knapp.

Delegate.

Alternate.

John T. Cartwright.

Josiah Langly.

Past Commanders.

L. S. McAllister.
 Wm. M. Knapp.
 L. G. Adams.
 A. A. Elmore.
 B. F. Sanford.
 J. Cottrell.

J. Cooley.
 Alex. Campbell.
 C. B. Smith.
 S. A. Comstock.
 Wm. N. Monroe.
 John Reeser.

COL. STEWART POST NO. 235, TUSTIN.

Chartered October 28, 1884.

Membership 10.

Commander, J. W. Loomis.

Delegate.

W. B. Ewing.

Alternate.

Iva Hopkins.

Past Commanders.

R. H. Jones.
 John Stansell.

J. W. Loomis.

FRANK FOWLER POST NO. 236, PIPE LAKE.

Chartered October 28, 1884.

Membership 12.

Commander, Wm. Wills.

Delegate.

Geo. Barden.

Alternate.

Geo. Church.

Past Commanders.

Geo. Hart.
 A. M. Wansey.

Miles Bryant.
 Wm. Wells.

B. F. CHAPIN POST NO. 237, CHESHIRE.

Chartered November 9, 1884.

Membership 12.

Commander, C. V. Nash.

Delegate.

L. M. Webster.

Alternate.

Cyrus Klapp.

Past Commanders.

W. G. Rowe.
 James H. Barkhead.
 S. S. Stout.

D. W. Hall.
 G. W. Lewis.
 C. V. Nash.

JOHN H. ANDREWS POST NO. 238, LACOTA.

Chartered March 3, 1890.

Membership 16.

Commander, D. A. Beebe.

Delegate.

H. P. Gillispie.

Alternate.

E. B. Gillispie.

Past Commanders.

*L. H. Dalrymple.
 D. A. Beebe.
 H. P. Gillespie.

Bently Cook.
 Geo. L. Bliss.

HENRY C. PRATT POST NO. 239, MACKINAC ISLAND.

Chartered December 2, 1884.

Membership 13.

Commander, Benoni LaChance.

Delegate.

Wilbur F. Long.

Alternate.

Andrew Chapman.
Benoni LaChance.
P. McCormick.
John A. McWebster.

Gregory Lambert.
Edwin M. Coates.
Daniel B. Mills.

ANDREWS POST NO. 294, BIG RAPIDS.

Chartered January 15, 1885.

Membership 92.

Commander, J. H. Kilbourne.

Delegates.

*D. A. Moore.
W. P. Nisbett.

Alternates.

*Col. E. Allen.
John Cole.

Past Commanders.

D. E. Stearns.
Geo. M. Davidson.
Geo. G. Jenkins.
A. B. Knapp.
W. A. Northrup.

*W. A. Whitney.
Geo. M. Gotchell.
*E. C. Moore.
D. D. Shannon.
*M. D. Ford.

E. H. BRONSON POST NO. 295, GALESBURG.

Chartered February 7, 1885.

Membership 14.

Commander, A. A. Russell.

Delegate.

*Andrew R. Allen.

Alternate.

J. D. Stafford.

Past Commanders.

A. A. Russell.
A. E. Stafford.

R. B. Mason.

SIMON MALLISON POST NO. 298, PIERPORT.

Chartered March 7, 1885.

Membership 19.

Commander, Geo. Schafer.

Delegate.

Geo. L. Cole.

Alternate.

Leonard Reed.

Past Commanders.

J. L. Bradford.
C. W. Perry.
L. C. Long.

Dean A. Hull.
Geo. Schafer.

ALBERT JACKSON POST NO. 300, MARQUETTE.

Chartered March 7, 1885.

Membership 26.

Commander, C. E. Moore.

Delegate.

John L. Van Horn.

Alternate.

Patrick Ryan.

Past Commanders.

R. R. French.
A. O. Kruger.
John Dooley.

P. C. Beanston.
*E. C. Anthony.
C. E. Moore.

ORIN WHITCOMB POST NO. 302, BYRON CENTER.

Chartered March 30, 1885.

Membership 17.

Commander, R. F. Hanes.

Delegate.

Frank Utter.

Alternate.

Past Commanders.

Lyman Havens.
L. L. Hickox.
A. A. Palmer.
A. M. Green.

N. F. Cooper.
W. Colley.
R. F. Hanes.
J. B. Morse.

BURSONS POST NO. 303, SCHOOLOLCRAFT.

Chartered April 16, 1885.

Membership 14.

Commander, Chas. Cronk.

*Delegate.**Past Commanders.**Alternate.*

John Gilchrist.
Albert Cornell.
M. S. Burson.
E. B. Monroe.

Albert Wager.
Frank Carlton.
Jacob Bauer.
Robt. E. Johnson.

BACON POST NO. 305, FENWICK.

Chartered April 30, 1885.

Membership 5.

Commander, C. D. Loving.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

G. W. Brokaw.

Wm. Gladin.

Past Commanders.

G. W. Wheaton.

M. B. ROGERS POST NO. 308, IMLAY CITY.

Chartered May 9, 1885.

Membership 11.

Commander, W. Harwood.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***WALTER ORR POST NO. 312, SCOTTS.**

Chartered June 27, 1885.

Membership 6.

*Commander, C. T. S. Cook.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Frank Peck.

James Powers.

Past Commanders.

David Gutchess.

C. T. S. Cook.

HENRY DAGLE POST NO. 313, SOUTH BOARDMAN.

Chartered July 22, 1905.

Membership 6.

Commander, Geo. Ives.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

P. Sherman.

H. D. Lathrop.

Past Commanders.

John Dagle.

A. O. Clark.

G. J. HUDSON POST NO. 317, MATTAWAN.

Chartered August 17, 1885.

Membership 12.

Commander, Peter Benwire.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Moses Wright.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Past Commanders.

Albert Newkirk.
H. Freeman.
L. G. Hunt.
J. M. Davidson.

B. F. Morris.
Ford Murch.
*A. J. Doolittle.

ALLEN M. HARMAN POST NO. 318, NORTHVILLE.

Chartered August 22, 1885.

Membership 50.

*Commander, Morris E. Johnson.

Delegate.

Alfred H. Brown.

Alternate.

Wm. Van Tassel.

Past Commanders.

*B. G. Webster.
*James Taylor.
*S. J. Lawrence.
*E. K. Simonds.
Henry M. White.
C. L. Brigham.
*T. P. Banks.

*E. K. Starkweather.
J. W. Dolph.
*Andrew Houk.
M. S. Nichols.
*Geo. F. Goodell.
*H. O. Waide.

J. B. SACKETT POST NO. 320, PRAIRIEVILLE.

Chartered August 31, 1885.

Membership 11.

Commander, F. A. Blackman.

Delegate.

Mark Norris.

Alternate.

John Ashley.

Past Commanders.

Geo. Norwood.
N. H. Orr.
Mark Norris.

F. A. Blackman.
T. A. Woodman.

GEO. J. LEIGHTON POST NO. 321, SPRINGPORT.

Chartered September 1, 1885.

Membership 13.

Commander, G. E. Harris.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Adam Craver.
Wm. Malcolm.
Geo. Lininger.
S. D. Curtis.

Past Commanders.

John Orrison.
H. B. Yoxheimer.
Clinton Faxon.

WILLIAM KERBY POST NO. 323, ASHLEY.

Chartered September 14, 1885.

Membership 16.

*Commander, David Duncan.

Delegate.

B. F. Pease.

Alternate.

Thos. Brown.

Past Commanders.

Nathan Roof.
N. B. Bowker.

E. Z. Fuller.
David Duncan.

W. B. STUART POST NO. 324, CRYSTAL.

Chartered September 12, 1885.

Membership 10.

Commander, Chas. Swarthout.

Delegate.

Alison M. Mun.

Alternate.

W. H. Rogers.

Past Commanders.

C. P. Pickle.

W. G. Griswold.

O. D. JACKSON POST NO. 326, POTTERVILLE.

Chartered September 25, 1885.

Membership 21.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, A. P. Goodwin.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Chas. E. Knapp.		Wm. Molter.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
J. M. Henderson.		Frank Milbourn.
James Smalley.		Geo. H. Carmoney.
A. P. Goodwin.		

MYRON HAWLEY POST NO. 328, NAPOLEON.

Chartered October 1, 1885.

Membership 12.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, R. B. Tracy.	<i>Alternate.</i>
*J. L. Hawley.		R. B. Crego.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*Wm. R. Fuller.		James Henderson.
*Murry Hess.		V. Watson.
J. L. Hawley.		*Wm. Drew.
A. P. Morris.		John Keeling.
L. M. Jones.		

COL. H. H. JEFFORDS POST NO. 330, DEXTER.

Chartered November 5, 1885.

Membership 9.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Elisha White.	<i>Alternate.</i>
*L. S. Miles.		D. M. Litchfield.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*L. C. Rodman.		M. E. McNeil.
H. H. Wilson.		*C. F. Bates.

O. E. HILTON POST NO. 336, EAST GILEAD.

Chartered January 21, 1886.

Membership 11.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Myron Aldrich.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Henry A. Kinsey.		Morris B. Counett.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
J. W. Parker.		Myron Aldrich.
C. H. Brooks.		Geo. O. Bixler.
Samuel German.		Chas. Miller.
Jackson Kanouse.		

ALBERT SPERRY POST NO. 337, RAVENNA.

Chartered January 29, 1886.

Membership 13.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Orange Oaget.	<i>Alternate.</i>
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Albro Enos.		Henry Walker.
Henry Hull.		John E. Hodgins.
Fred Plumhoff.		Isaac R. Franks.
James E. Noble.		F. D. Hoogstraet.

MATHEW ARTIS POST NO. 341, CASSOPOLIS.

Chartered March 10, 1886.

Membership 13.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Abner R. Byrd.	<i>Alternate.</i>
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E. H. LISCOM POST NO. 343, SAULT STE. MARIE.

Chartered March 10, 1885.

Membership 10.

Commander, James A. Troutt.

Alternate.

Delegate.

Homer W. Hodge.

James Joyce.

Past Commanders.

Wm. P. Spalding.

JOHN W. PURDY POST NO. 346, HAMILTON.

Chartered March 11, 1886.

Membership 12.

Commander, John N. Barlow.

Alternate.

Delegate.

M. W. Burnett.

Past Commanders.

Ben Laberge.
John C. Holmes.
M. W. Burnett.
H. L. Beach.

O. Hoard.
Geo. Edgley.
Jerry Arndt.

BILLY CRUSON POST NO. 347, BRECKENRIDGE.

Chartered March 16, 1886.

Membership 26.

*Commander, Chas. Rooks.

Alternate.

Delegate.

L. H. Town.

G. H. Shippee.

Past Commanders.

W. H. Weed.
Thos. Holton.
Thos. B. Staley.
P. P. Vannorman.
Chas. Wolverton.

J. B. Holbert.
C. K. Fox.
*Barney Swope.
F. W. Smith.

S. D. HAIGHT POST NO. 348, SCOTTVILLE.

Chartered March 27, 1886.

Membership 35.

Commander, J. C. Rosenberger.

Alternate.

Delegate.

Past Commanders.

Thomas Barnes.
Henry Jenks.
N. I. Kinnie.
J. W. Griswold.
J. N. Clark.

H. M. Rutty.
James Meads.
J. L. Toms.
W. D. Cowan.
H. F. Yarick.

M. H. WHITNEY POST NO. 350, SAND LAKE.

Chartered April 9, 1886.

Membership 19.

Commander, Geo. H. Godfrey.

Alternate.

Delegate.

D. B. Phillips.

Ruben Foreman.

Past Commanders.

*Wellington Rasco.
Geo. H. Godfrey.
Wm. Sleight.

Edward Gould.
James Scutt.
Alanson Dickerson.

COMSTOCK POST NO. 352, MANCHESTER.

Chartered May 18, 1886.

Membership 27.

Delegate.

*H. H. Fellows.

*Commander, G. H. Putnam.

Alternate.

Henry Kirchhofer.

Past Commanders.

*James Kelley.
George Nisle.
*A. A. Stringham.
*T. F. Rushten.
G. H. Putman.

*R. M. Teets.
*G. B. Sherwood.
S. R. Sherwood.
Wm. Hough.

JAMES F. COVELL POST NO. 354, PALO.

Chartered May 16, 1886.

Membership 13.

Delegate.

Martin Greenwalt.

Commander, S. Livingston.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

B. S. Everest.
Geo. Prankard.

Chas. M. North.
Caleb Richardson.

F. B. MYERS POST NO. 357, GAGETOWN.

Chartered July 14, 1886.

Membership 5.

Delegate.

R. S. Brown.

Commander, C. F. Stearns.

Alternate.

Theo. Burden.

Past Commanders.

R. S. Brown.
L. Mathews.
Theo. Burden.

W. J. Brown.
*W. J. Williamson.
C. F. Sterns.

BOWLEY POST NO. 358, CLAYTON.

Chartered July 12, 1886.

Membership 17.

Delegate.

*Ezra Bertram.

*Commander, H. C. Yerick.

Alternate.

E. E. Hinds.

Past Commanders.

*D. H. Warren.
*A. E. Terwilliger.
B. F. Rockwell.
*Milton Townsend.

*J. H. Badgley.
*John Murty.
John Wirtz.
H. F. Yarick.

CORBETT POST NO. 360, PALMYRA.

Chartered July 14, 1886.

Membership 16.

Delegate.

Richard Bailey.

Commander, Geo. H. Southwick.

Alternate.

Robert Bailey.

Past Commanders.

M. T. Cole.
E. Lewis.
*Geo. Williams.
William Bittet.

Richard Bailey.
John Patterson.
Geo. H. Southwick.
Henry Nash.

KILBOURN POST NO. 361, SHERWOOD.

Chartered September 27, 1886.

Membership 18.

Commander, E. W. Watkins.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Past Commanders.

Henry Runyan.
James Locke.
C. H. Thornton.

E. W. Watkins.
Wm. Farrand.
Geo. Hess.

C. B. HUBBELL POST NO. 364, COLEMAN.

Chartered October 28, 1886.

Membership 12.

Commander, Fred Hanley.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

J. F. Koontz.
F. Hanley.
H. Samson.

D. A. Curtice.
E. N. Carley.
*John F. Punt.

GORDON POST NO. 366, WHITE CLOUD.

Chartered July 18, 1886.

Membership 12.

Commander, Wm. Kimball.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

S. D. Witherell.
Wm. Kimball.

Sam Agan.

F. VEENPLET POST NO. 368, REESE.

Chartered November 18, 1886.

Membership 6.

Commander, Thos. Gulliver.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

D. Cole.

NOBLE POST NO. 369, GLADWIN.

Chartered January 3, 1887.

Membership 20.

Commander, Henry Madill.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Wilson Haynes.
*John H. Robinson.
W. H. Kellogg.

Enoch Robinson.
Chas. VanVolkenburg.

W. B. HAZEN POST NO. 370, WEST BRANCH.

Chartered January 18, 1887.

Membership 15.

Commander, S. D. Shofner.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Jas. E. Horton.

B. B. Priest.
Jas. E. Horton.

John Smith.
Thos. J. Warren.

A. H. FENN POST NO. 371, FENNVILLE.

Chartered February 3, 1887.

Membership 10.

Commander, Isaac Lameroux.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

W. H. McCormick.

Aritus Turrell.

Past Commanders.

A. Turrell.
John Sherman.

Robert Rouse.

E. F. CASE POST NO. 372, BENZONIA.

Chartered March 5, 1887.

Membership 26.

Commander, Zenas E. Clark.

Delegate.

C. C. Judson.

Alternate.

S. A. Davidson.

Past Commanders.

L. P. Judson.
Jas. Montgomery.
Roswell P. Reed.
H. M. Stanley.
John W. Van Deman.

W. H. Reynolds.
J. C. Van Blarecoum.
Wm. A. Joy.
I. P. Covey.
Z. E. Clark.

S. B. DOWNES POST NO. 374, PARMA.

Chartered March 9, 1887.

Membership 5.

Commander, H. C. Anderson.

Delegate.

H. C. Anderson.
Frank Gorton.

Alternate.

J. R. Godfrey.

Past Commanders.

WM. P. EVERETT POST NO. 377, ROCHESTER.

Chartered April 1, 1887.

Membership 17.

*Commander, Anthony O'Brien.

Delegate.

A. E. Collins.
E. H. Dewey
J. R. Wortley.
J. W. Eastman.
W. J. Fraser.

Alternate.

A. O'Brien.
*J. J. Snook.
N. B. Taylor.
H. L. Wood.

Past Commanders.

JOHN STOCKTON POST NO. 380, NEW HAVEN.

Chartered April 23, 1887.

Membership 7.

*Commander, Geo. W. Dingman.

Delegate.

Wm. Campbell.

Alternate.

Wm. Sutphin.

Pas Commanders.

L. Lutenbacker.
Geo. W. Dingman.

J. E. Carl.

U. O. BRETZ POST NO. 382, LAKE ODESSA.

Chartered April 27, 1887.

Membership 27.

*Commander, Robert Musgrove.

Delegate.

*R. C. Blair.

Alternate.

Cyrus Laurance.

Past Commanders.

Wallace Lovewell.
Edwin Tirman.
John Bishop.
Thos. Leak.
Robt. Musgrove
Martin Cox.

A. A. Walters.
Wm. Fink.
S. H. Mallery.
C. J. Yager.
Abel Bywatter

Chartered May 19, 1887.

Membership 6.

*Commander, Justus Barrup.

Delegate.

Alternate.

Past Commanders.

Justus Barrup.
Rheuben Terry.

Sidney Baird.
Samuel Fisk.

DETROIT POST NO. 384, DETROIT.

Chartered May 21, 1887.

Membership 93.

*Commander, Felix A. Lemkie.

Delegates.

Alternates.

*Uriah Gould.

Chas. R. Evarts.

*Chas. F. Brown.

Chas. Creusure.

Past Commanders.

Henry M. Duffield.
Thos. A. Wadsworth.
Marvin Preston.
Sidney R. Dixon.
Oscar R. Looker.
*James N. Cox.
Wm. S. Green.
Wm. T. Gage.
*Arba M. Seymour.
Chas. A. Cooledge.
*Jacob Bristol.

*L. H. Chamberlain.
Frank C. Trowbridge.
Chas. G. Hampton.
Thos. S. McGraw.
Alex. W. Blain.
*Oscar A. Janes.
W. H. Gail.
Nicholas Woods.
*Byron See.
*Robert Gibbons.
Gil R. Osmun.

CHAS. GRIFFIN POST NO. 386, FARWELL.

Chartered July 21, 1887.

Membership 19.

Commander, S. Coon.

Delegate.

Alternate.

Samuel Cobley.

J. H. Wood.

Past Commanders.

J. H. Wood.
*H. Glass.
Chas. H. Clark.

Win. H. Ford.
S. Coon.

AINSWORTH POST NO. 392, RANSOM.

Chartered January 26, 1888.

Membership 10.

Commander, W. L. Mapes.

Delegate.

Alternate.

Past Commanders.

W. L. Mapes.
P. M. Humiston.

W. H. H. Pettit.

MICHIGAN POST NO. 393, DETROIT.

Chartered April 4, 1888.

Membership 13.

*Commander, John Boylan.

Delegate.

Alternate.

Past Commanders.

*Jos. Doherty.
*John Griswold.
*John H. Hendley.
*Fred Kraft.
W. Peterson.

John Boylan.
Chas. Kaufman.
Orrin D. Darling.
John Dewnstaett.
Julius Frenzel.

A. P. EARLE POST NO. 394, WEXFORD.

Chartered April 15, 1888.

Membership 10.

Commander, W. J. C. Davis.

Delegate.

H. I. Davoe.

Alternate.

Albert Jones.

Past Commanders.

John F. Paul.
E. Bowerman.
A. Pringle.
W. R. Ferguson.

Wm. J. C. Davis.
J. S. Walling.
A. F. Hopkins.
L. A. Crittenden.

A. B. WATSON POST NO. 395, GRAND RAPIDS.

Chartered November 15, 1888.

Membership 130.

Commander, G. W. Osborn.

Delegates.

John Brown.
Ransom Johnson.

Alternates.

J. R. Brownell.
N. J. Gibney.

Past Commanders.

W. T. Johnson.
J. M. Wood.
C. H. Fox.
R. H. Lee.
D. Z. Kline.
C. M. Runyan.
W. H. Marston.
Geo. D. Barden.
Hanly A. Waldron.
Benj. Chapman.
John E. L. Miller.
Wm. Walker.

John Knowlin.
J. R. Wyckoff.
*J. S. French.
Geo. R. Phillips.
Geo. Dimment.
C. S. Wilson.
J. Whinnery.
Jas. H. Keeney.
*Isaac Provost.
*Edwin H. Stein.
Jacob Mans.

GEO. WARD POST NO. 398, BRANT.

Chartered January, 1889.

Membership 19.

Commander, Chas. Cogswell.

Delegate.

P. P. Miner.

Alternate.

W. H. Whitson.

Past Commanders.

John Boone.
Daniel Thompson.
Michael Cummings.
N. P. Richardson.
Perry Crane.

Geo. Rinenburg.
Willis Dibble.
Henry Passmore.
Eugene C. Webber.

WOOLSEY POST NO. 399, NORTHPORT.

Chartered January 19, 1889.

Membership 9.

Commander, W. H. Porter.

Delegate.

Wm. H. Porter.
John Scott.

Alternate.

John Thomas.

*Past Commanders.***BURLINGAME POST NO. 402, AKRON.**

Chartered April 23, 1889.

Membership 15.

Commander, Leonard James.

Delegate.

*Wm. Sherwood.

Alternate.

Zach Hess.

E. A. Dickey.
John Paul.

L. C. Wilbur.

J. AND A. BYDER POST NO. 404, NEWBURG.

Chartered May 18, 1891.

Membership 10.

*Commander, Chas. Westfall.

Delegate.

Nelson J. Bossoms.

Alternate.

Wm. D. Toles.

Past Commanders.

Chas. Westfall.
Philip Messer.
*E. C. Bassett.

*Willard Sherman.
Fayette Smith.

CHAS. A. PRICE POST NO. 405, FERRINTON.

Chartered May 13, 1903.

Membership 15.

Commander, T. B. Musser.

Delegate.

T. B. Musser.
Geo. W. Groom.

Alternate.

R. S. Cushman.

Past Commanders.

W. W. CHAPIN POST NO. 407, AUBURN.

Chartered July 14, 1891.

Membership 6.

Commander, Hiram Bradley.

Delegate.

L. Davis.

Alternate.

J. C. Rowden.
J. E. Hill.

Henry Hopler.
James Davis.

Past Commanders.

GEN. W. T. SHERMAN POST NO. 410, VASSAR.

Chartered June 29, 1891.

Membership 29.

Commander, Wm. Hurlburt.

Delegate.

*E. J. Pitcher.

Alternate.

E. H. Tivey.

Past Commanders.

Chas. E. Murry.
Jared Downer.
Henry Adams.
R. Hawley.
Wm. J. Bennett.

O. B. Randall.
Wm. Hurlburt.
John H. Burgess
S. H. Camp.

A. W. BRINDLE POST NO. 413, WYANDOTTE.

Chartered August 1, 1891.

Membership 11.

*Commander, W. W. Bishop.

Delegate.

Wm. Carson.

Alternate.

Wm. Hall.

Past Commanders.

W. W. Bishop.

John Wayman.

ROBT. ERWIN POST NO. 416, BROOKLYN.

Chartered October 30, 1891.

Membership 16.

Commander, Geo. Stacy.

Delegate.

*Erastus Ferguson.

Alternate.

Wm. Taylor.

Past Commanders.

*Melvin Crane.
 Geo. Worthington.
 *Brayton Wright.
 *James McKinney.

*John Worden.
 Geo. Stacy.
 Martin Ruoff.

R. J. WADE POST NO. 417, HARBOR BEACH.

Chartered January 21, 1892.

Membership 9.

Commander, Austin Corbett.

Delegate.

John Manson.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Wm. McMillan.
 William Whaling.

Sam'l A. Fuller.

H. P. MERRILL POST NO. 419, BAY CITY.

Chartered February 19, 1892.

Membership 22.

Commander, Geo. W. Butterfield.

Delegate.

E. D. Cowles.

Alternate.

J. H. Waters.

Past Commanders.

*M. M. Andrews.
 H. E. Meeker.
 Israel Youngs.

Geo. P. Cobb.
 *L. G. Wilcox.
 *J. W. Knaggs.

WM. H. DUMPHY POST NO. 424, YALE.

Chartered January 27, 1893.

Membership 22.

Commander, Chas. Montney.

Delegate.

Mike Scheehy.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Chas. Montney.
 Elmore Putney.

Miles Simmons.
 Henry A. Cope.

STEPHEN MUNGER POST NO. 425, FREELAND.

Chartered August 2, 1893.

Membership 13.

*Commander, Wayne E. Morris.

Delegate.

E. G. Allen.

Alternate.

E. Braley.

Past Commanders.

Henry Manwell.
 A. McGuire.
 Jefferson Chapman.

Peter Doran.
 Geo. W. Haverland.
 Geo. Hall.

P. O'CONNELL POST NO. 426, IRON MOUNTAIN.

Chartered August 3, 1893.

Membership 5.

Commander, J. W. Burbank.

Delegate.

Samuel Bassett.

Alternate.

John L. Buell.

PLEASANTON POST NO. 419, IRONWOOD.

Chartered.

Membership 7.

Commander, Curtis Buck.

Delegate.

Alternate.

Past Commander.

Curtis Buck.

JOHN RITCHIE POST NO. 430, BURT.

Chartered July 14, 1896.

Membership 12.

Commander, J. L. Van Sickle.

Delegate.

Alternate.

John Davis.

John Long.

Past Commanders.

Jesse L. Van Sickle.

W. W. Webster.

David McNalley.

O. M. POE POST NO. 433, DETROIT.

Chartered November 18, 1896.

Membership 81.

*Commander, S. A. Widrig.

Delegate.

Alternate.

*A. T. Strong.

*Henry A. Davis.

J. N. Hamburger.

R. Corwin.

Past Commanders.

*John Devlin.

Wm. N. Siggins.

H. F. Serrine.

Jas. M. C. Miller.

Chas. F. Jones.

*E. H. Davis.

*Geo. W. Clements.

J. T. McCurdy.

*J. M. Tucker.

*Cornelius O'Dwyer.

MCGOOK POST NO. 434, McBRIDE.

Chartered February 24, 1897.

Membership 11.

Commander, M. J. Christian.

Delegate.

Alternate.

Past Commanders.

Louis Perkins.

M. J. Christian.

Myron Dean.

Frederick Neff.

F. A. DANIELS POST NO. 437, NEW TROY.

Chartered June 29, 1897.

Membership 5.

Commander, John A. Cox.

Delegate.

Alternate.

Past Commander.

John A. Cox.

H. P. NILES POST NO. 438, NEW LATHROP.

Chartered July 22, 1897.

Membership 7.

*Commander, John Northwood.

Delegate.

Alternate.

Geo. Jacobs.

Past Commanders.

Batus Snyder.
James Smith.

*John Northwood.
Jay Douglass.

STEELE BROS. POST NO. 441, MASON.

Chartered December 31, 1897.

Membership 25.

Commander, L. H. Ives.

Delegate.

Andrew Farren.

Alternate.

*Henry I. Northrup.

Past Commanders.

*Jas. A. Sherwood.
*Frank Lester.
*W. W. Root.
N. Templar.

*L. H. Ives.
H. O. Call.
Lucius W. Mills.
*Theo. Bortels.

WASHINGTON POST NO. 444, CADILLAC.

Chartered April 14, 1898.

Membership 19.

*Commander, A. J. Teed.

Delegate.

J. R. Hogue.

Alternate.

*Wm. Lamphere.

Past Commanders.

D. E. Cook.

*Chas. C. Dunham.

R. H. GIBSON POST NO. 445, GOWEN.

Chartered April 29, 1898.

Membership 9.

Commander, C. A. Peasley.

Delegate.

C. A. Peasley.

Alternate.

W. H. Allen.

Past Commanders.

C. A. Peasley.
V. W. Leland.
W. H. Allen.

Geo. S. McClelland.
D. Bonesteel.
Ed. Bradshaw.

J. B. SWEETLAND POST NO. 448, EDWARDSBURG.

Chartered July 21, 1899.

Membership 15.

Commander, P. Smith.

Delegate.

Oliver Hirans.

Alternate.

L. A. Allen.

Past Commanders.

B. F. Thompson.
Calvin A. Steuben.
John Jones.

Aaron Dever.
William Funk.

P. M. ANGUS POST NO. 450, STANDISH.

Chartered November 11, 1899.

Membership 10.

Commander, E. H. Chamberlain.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***GEN. I. C. SMITH POST NO. 451, REED CITY.**

Chartered April 28, 1900.

Membership 24.

*Commander, Geo. H. Gilbert.

Delegate.

Irwin S. Miner.

Alternate.

Abel Slurdevent.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Past Commanders.

Isaac Grant.
David J. Zook.
John H. Freeland.
*“Ren” Barker.
Geo. H. Gilbert.
David J. Randall.

Homer Spencer.
Livingston Hall.
Anthony Wise.
Nathaniel Clark.
C. D. Woodruff.

H. W. LAWTON POST NO. 452, SAMARIA.

Chartered June 23, 1900.

Membership 32.

*Commander, A. M. Albert.

Delegate.

*H. M. Slick.

Alternate.

Philander Karr.

Past Commanders.

*A. J. Teall.
*Philander Karr.
*A. M. Albert.

Chas. L. Clary.
A. J. Shepherd.

HARLOW PELTON POST NO. 453, KINGSTON.

Chartered July 21, 1900.

Membership 14.

Commander, Russell King.

Delegate.

Benj. S. Franklin.

Alternate.

S. E. Parker.

Past Commanders.

Walter B. Nedrey.
W. C. Lockwood.
A. B. Payne.

Geo. E. Parker.
J. B. Hickey.

JAMES A. SAXTON POST NO. 454, CENTRAL LAKE.

Chartered July 17, 1900.

Membership 19.

Commander, C. O. Thompson.

Delegate.

L. D. Wright.

Alternate.

J. H. Hemphill.

Past Commanders.

D. C. Morrison.
W. Mohrman.
O. Burnett.

A. J. Drake.
W. H. Easton.
D. W. Sage.

JOHN HUNTER POST NO. 455, MONTROSE.

Chartered November 21, 1900.

Membership 15.

*Commander, August Lucke.

Delegate.

E. C. Eldrid.

Alternate.

*C. P. Mills.

Past Commanders.

David Cross.
James H. Persons.
James E. Barnes.

Geo. W. England.
W. C. Bouck.
John M. Barber.

STANSELL POST NO. 456, SOUTH LYON.

Chartered February 22, 1901.

Membership 20.

*Commander, L. S. Allen.

Delegate.

H. English.

Alternate.

W. I. Allen.

Past Commanders.

*L. S. Allen.
A. C. Washburn.
A. C. Packard.

C. Calkins.
L. A. Sayles.
T. W. Hammond.

J. M. POND POST NO. 460, SAUGATUCK.

Chartered February 9, 1903.

Membership 25.

Commander, W. H. Manning.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

J. C. Bartholomew.
Judson Doud.
R. Baker.

C. Whitney.
Z. B. Woody.

GEORGE BOYD POST NO. 461, BOON.

Chartered August 8, 1903.

Membership 27.

Commander, Wm. McNitt.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

James Mansfield.

J. Z. Stanley.

Past Commanders.

Amos Merrill.
B. F. Smith.
*J. S. McClain.

R. C. Norris.
*Geo. W. Wheeler.

E. A. ALGER POST NO. 462, RAPID CITY.

Chartered November 2, 1907.

Membership 13

*Commander, John H. Wilhelm.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

R. S. Baldwin.

A. J. Darling.

Past Commanders.

Joseph Finney.

Peter Desmond.

SILAS HUFFMAN POST NO. 463, MESICK.

Chartered April 26, 1911.

Commander, Geo. W. Averill.

*Delegates.**Alternates.**Past Commanders.*

PROCEEDINGS

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

FIRST DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

After the opening meeting at the opera house the Thirty-Third Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic assembled in the First Methodist Church, where the sessions were held. The meeting was opened in due form by Department Commander Sam'l J. Lawrence.

Department Chaplain Wm. Putnam invoked the Divine blessing.

Chaplain Putnam: Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. In all of our important transactions here, we need Thy help and upon all that we do that is good, and that is right, we invoke the Divine blessing to rest upon us. We thank Thee from the depths of our hearts for the preservation of all the officers of this Department during the past year. We thank Thee that amid the wreck of time, and the depletion of our members Thou hast yet spared so many of us and permitted us to come here once more to greet each other and by our presence and by our love to each other honor the cause in which we are engaged. We believe that it is Thy cause, that Thou hast raised it up and made it to be a witness and a living testimony to the grand providence of God's ruling over the destinies of this nation. We thank Thee that we have lived once more to meet and greet each other and encourage each other's hearts in the good work as long as we shall live and we pray that Thou wilt strengthen us in regard to this purpose and in regard to this resolution.

Let the blessing of God rest upon the Grand Army of the Republic in all parts of our nation. Let it rest upon those in high authority. Let it rest upon the officers of our general government, upon the officers of this state and upon all that are in authority, that they may lead true, virtuous and peaceable lives in the sight of God and of all men.

We pray that Thou wilt advance the cause of peace in connection with righteousness throughout the world, and we pray that no alarms may ever sound again throughout our land to call this nation to arms. And yet we pray that Thou wilt fill the hearts of our young men and of the coming generation with that loyalty, with that patriotism that will sacrifice all to the good of our country in the name of God and for the advancement of liberty and righteousness throughout the world. We commend all of these interests to thee, be Thou with us in our transactions, and help us here, and in our homes, and in all of our posts and in our hearts and our own lives to honor

God, to have faith in God, and to look to Thee for all that we need in this life, and in the life to come, and, when we have finally done this, and come to the last, may we be welcomed on High with the approval "Well done, good and faithful servants." We ask it all in the name of Christ, our Lord and our Savior, Amen.

Commander Lawrence: I understand the ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps are here in waiting with the National President, and I will appoint the following committee to escort them to the platform: Comrade Lemkie, Post 384, Comrade Pond, Post 2, and Comrade McBride, Post 262.

Comrade Pond: I have the pleasure of introducing to you the largest delegation of the Woman's Relief Corps that has been permitted to visit us in several years.

Department Commander: It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you Mrs. McConnell, who has been one of the department presidents of the Corps, and she was a good one.

Mrs. McConnell: I have been sent over here by the Department President to bring you the report of the Department President to the G. A. R.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT W. R. C. TO THE G. A. R.

Samuel J. Lawrence, Department Commander G. A. R.

Dear Comrade and Commander: It is with pleasure and honor I extend to you and through you to the Thirty-Third Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic the loyal and friendly greetings of your Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps in Twenty-Eighth Annual Department Convention assembled and to submit to you the following report of the condition of Our Order.

Number of Corps in the Department.....	211
Number of Members in good standing	8,618
Cash Expended in Relief by Corps	\$1,181.00
Estimated Value of Relief other than money	\$4,224.20
Cash Expended from Department Relief Fund.....	\$115.00
Number of Soldiers and Families assisted	1,345

No contributions were asked for Southern Memorial fund on account of Adjutant General of the G. A. R. reporting there was a sufficient on hand.

Cash from General fund given to Non-pensioners of Woman's Building	\$65.00
Cash in General Fund	877.46
Cash in Relief Fund.....	152.79

Wishing you Success and prosperity and a pleasant convention, I remain,
Loyally yours in F. C. and L.

ADA H. HALL,
Department President.

Department Commander: In behalf of the Grand Army of Michigan, convey to your Department, the Woman's Relief Corps, the esteem and affection that this Department holds them in. We realize that without these Corps, these Grand Army boys would soon cease to be members of the Grand Army. Without them, I am satisfied, from my years of experience, that in less than three years there would not be over 50 Posts in the state of Michigan, if it was not for the help of these good women. It gives me

extreme pleasure to introduce to you the National President, for this reason, she is from Kansas, and I got my wife from Kansas, and they have got the best girls on God's earth, Mrs. Harris.

Mrs. Harris: Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic: This greeting this morning, from your Department Commander, makes me feel as though I were among friends. It is a better greeting and a more cordial one than I received when I arrived in your city this morning at half-past two o'clock. No one was there to meet me except the policeman, and I had to walk from the depot to the hotel and when I arrived there, there was no room for me, and I sat in a chair until seven o'clock this morning. That is the greeting I received in Michigan. When I was introduced to the Department Convention of Michigan this morning, my mind was changed in regard to the cordialty of Michigan, and I feel now as though I were among friends. Comrades of Michigan, I deem it a very great pleasure, this morning to be with you in your encampment and to bring to you the greeting of nearly 165,000 loyal, patriotic women. Michigan lends her number to that number in the national organization. You have a splendid Department Woman's Relief Corps in Michigan. I have always known of the good work in Michigan. On the platform this morning, as my escort over here, you will find the past Department Presidents, who have presided over their conventions at one time or another. You all know them, many of them better than I and I have learned to know some of them personally for a number of years.

Comrades, in 1883, you adopted the Woman's Relief Corps as your auxiliary. How well we have kept that trust you know. The Woman's Relief Corps is not composed entirely of the relatives of the soldiers, but we are broader, we admit the loyal women, and while our membership today is composed largely of the relatives of the comrades of the Civil War, yet we will not be here always, and the loyal women will carry on the work of the Woman's Relief Corps when we are gone, but, comrades, so long as there is a Grand Army Post, or a member of the Grand Army, so long you will find, and there you will find, a member of the Woman's Relief Corps, helping and doing what they can to assist you and to aid you in all ways. Mr. Commander, I was glad to hear you say this morning, that you appreciated the work done by your auxiliary department of Michigan. The loyal women served you, comrades, on the battlefield. When you lay wishing for a cup of cold water, the hand of woman came and brought it to you, you did not stop to ask, "Are you the relative of a soldier?" You were glad to take the cup of water from the hand of woman and many of our army nurses had no relatives in the Civil War, and so I say we admit the loyal women to our membership, and we are glad to have them. They are among our best workers today.

Department Commander: Comrades, I take pleasure in introducing to you one of the past presidents, Mrs. Plummer, and this gives me pleasure. This is a day of pleasure for me. Her husband was in my regiment.

Mrs. Plummer: Mr. Commander, and legal voting representatives of the Grand Army of Michigan: I come to you representing this band of devoted Past Department Presidents, if they will please stand, you can look into their loyal, faithful faces, and you can read in those faces what they would say if there was time to say it. We bring you our love, the love of faithful hearts, who have served you these long years, the congratulations of loyal women of the Relief Corps, for your good work, just a loving, grateful word for what you did in the long past, just a promise of eternal fidelity to you and to your cause as long as these hearts shall beat.

Department Commander: It gives me pleasure to introduce to you another Past President, and this is a pleasure, because she is from Wayne county, Mrs. Creusere.

Mrs. Creusere: I am just going to take up a moment of your time this morning and this is something that appeals to all of us, I think, especially as I have the pleasure of giving it to your care. I wish to present this resolution, this recommendation which was unanimously endorsed by our convention yesterday:

Ypsilanti, June 22, 1911.

Samuel J. Lawrence,

Department Commander and Comrades: The Department of Michigan, W. R. C., in convention assembled, unanimously adopted the following resolution and it is respectfully submitted for your consideration:

Sarah J. Still, Department Secretary,

Dear Madam:

We, the undersigned, respectfully submit the following resolution, for the consideration of this Convention.

Fully realizing the rapidly diminishing ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the increasing demands for funds to carry on their work; and believing that more frequent visits from Department Commanders to the small weak Posts thruout the State, would do much to encourage and hold them together as Posts. We would recommend:

That fifty dollars (\$50.00) be taken annually from the Silver Fund, presented to the Grand Army by its Auxiliary, the WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, for the use of Department Commanders in visiting weak Posts. We therefore recommend:

That this resolution be accepted and a copy presented to the Grand Army Encampment now in session, for their consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
EVELYN CREUSERE,
EMMA BAILEY,
CLELAN ROCKELMAN.

Department Commander: It takes a lot of nerve for a man to introduce so many ladies, but I take pleasure in introducing Mrs. Redfield, because she has been our friend, the same as the rest of the Past Presidents.

Mrs. Redfield: It gives me pleasure to present to you, in behalf of the Department of Michigan, these flowers, pledging you our allegiance in the future, as in the past.

Department Commander: I want to say to you, Mrs. Redfield, that I receive these flowers in the spirit in which they are given. I am satisfied from my year's experience as Department Commander, that I have had the friendship and the esteem of the women of this department, and I appreciate these flowers which speak of the purity and the loyalty of these women, and I want to say to you, one and all, now, while I told Mrs. Harris, that I loved the girls from Kansas, they were the best in the land, I love you all. Now we will have just a word from Mrs. Bliss.

Mrs. Bliss: Any one that accuses me of wanting to make a speech is mistaken. I think the boys are glad to see me because they know I will not make a speech. When I received my appointment to come on this committee, I felt that I was dreadfully selfish to come, but I did want to come, and I am here. There are so many women who could talk to you much better

than I can. My forte does not lie in making speeches. I greet you all and shall always be faithful to the Grand Army while I have life.

Department Commander: I want to say that you are always welcome within the walls where the Grand Army are gathered.

The department badge was presented to each of the ladies and they retired amid the cheers of the comrades.

Officer of the Day: There is a delegation of ladies from the Ladies of the G. A. R. in waiting.

Department Commander: I will appoint Comrade Bird, Post 261, Comrade Wagar, Post 95, and Comrade Taylor, 318, to escort the ladies of the G. A. R. into the hall.

(Committee retires and return with the delegation.)

Department Commander: Comrades, it gives me great pleasure, to introduce to you, Mrs. Jamison, the Past President of the Ladies of the G. A. R., whose husband was once one of our comrades, and who used to assemble with us.

Mrs. Jamison: It gives me great pleasure to attend this meeting and bring the greetings of the Ladies of the G. A. R. to this assembled encampment. It has been a number of years since I visited you. Your Commander has told the reason why, and the color of my dress will tell you the rest. It has always been my ambition and I guess the most of the boys in the convention know, to talk to the old comrades who loved my husband.

We are not so large as the W. R. C. Our eligibility is a little different. We take nothing but the blood kin of the old soldier from '61 to '65. We take as honorary members, the old soldiers. It costs him no initiation fee or dues, also the sons of veterans, there are a good many comrades in this convention who call me sister through that. Your Department Commander is my brother in the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and last but not least, the biggest man in the United States, I guess in size and honor, President William H. Taft, belongs to the Ladies of the G. A. R. It is said, "By their works ye shall know them." I wish to tell you some of the work that our organization has done for the old soldier. May 1st, 1897, a grove was decorated at Sacramento, California, by the Department of California Ladies of the G. A. R. in the state Capitol grounds. Every tree of that grove is taken from a battlefield. As fast as one tree dies, it is replaced and it is the only memorial grove in the world consecrated to the honored dead. At the same time they had furnished an iron flagstaff, and flag made and donated by sister Lida Hinkley, of California. The grove, although young at that time, at once became a place of interest to comrades and citizens who visited that grove. Every tree is marked from what battlefield it was taken. You boys who fought in the south know something of the undertaking of a body of women to bring those trees to California and plant them and make them thrive.

There is another thing, at Andersonville, on Memorial Day, the boys at Fitzgerald, two miles away, went to decorate the graves. They had to wait until the train came back and they are not allowed to take their lunches into the cemetery, and when it rains, their lunch baskets are exposed to the weather. Through the efforts of Susan L. Brown, an army nurse, we decided that the boys did not have to sit in the rain and at quite an expense, we have erected a building 60x80 with a fire-proof roof and a tile floor, with tables and seats, and the boys leave their lunches there, and when they are through decorating the graves, they go in there and sit down, and eat and have comforts and have little camp-fires all by themselves. So you see, Comrades,

we have ever the interest of the old boys at heart. Now, having told you something of the work, I am going to tell you a story. A young school-ma'am came back from dinner one day and found these words written on the blackboard. "I can kiss harder and hug longer than any boy in this school." With the name of the youth written at the bottom. She called him up and said, "Rub that out, and you will stay after school." He stayed for quite a time, and when he came out, there was a group of boys waiting outside for him, and they said, "Say, what did she do to you?" "I ain't going to tell." "Did she lick you?" "I shan't tell you." "Did she make you learn your lesson?" "Well, I ain't going to tell you." "What did she do to you?" "Well, I ain't saying nothing, but it pays to advertise."

In conclusion, boys, I give you a toast, it sounds awful rough, but I guess it will come out all right. "May you lie, steal, drink and swear. When you lie, lie down to pleasant dreams. When you drink, drink of the cup of happiness. When you steal, steal away from bad company, and when you swear, swear by Old Glory. (Great applause).

The Department Commander: You will convey to your Order the good wishes of this department, and especially take to them my appreciation of their kindness to me during my year of office. Comrades, I have the pleasure of introducing to you, Mrs. Roe.

Mrs. Roe: Sister Jamison has said all that is necessary to be said, but I want to say I am glad to be here. I had a number of near relatives, who served in the Civil War, and I am very much interested in Grand Army work.

Department Commander: I take great pleasure in introducing Mrs. Carr.

Mrs. Carr: I guess Sister Jamison and Sister Roe have said everything that could be said but this is a pleasure I have always wanted to bring greetings to the G. A. R., and I am certainly pleased to have an opportunity to come over here. I appreciate the greetings, and I am very glad I have had the pleasure of coming here. I hope I will have the pleasure of seeing you all at another encampment.

Department Commander: Now we will proceed to open this convention. The Adjutant will proceed to call the roll.

The roll was called, and the Department officers and a quorum of Posts present.

Department Commander: The rules of the National Encampment will prevail unless otherwise ordered, we will hear the report of the credential committee.

Assistant Adjutant: As chairman of the credential committee, I would respectfully report that the committee are still busy at work. We are unable to report the total number of delegates at this moment but I would respectfully report that there are over 550 badges already issued to delegates and ask for further time for a full report. Request granted.

Department Commander: The next is the Department Commander's Address. The Senior Vice will please take the Chair.

COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.

My Comrades: When, one year ago, you chose me as your Department Commander, you remember,—those of you who were in the Convention Hall at Holland that day—I said I should be your servant and not your master. How well I have served you, I leave for you to judge.

I have attended several Battalion reunions and similar assemblies, and met many comrades in their home Posts; have everywhere been given a hearty greeting.

In nearly all Posts I find the Post members working harmoniously. In one instance there seemed to be trouble which threatened to disrupt the organization, but better judgment prevailed, and harmony was restored. We are thankful that such is the case for we have not one man to spare.

It is a matter to be regretted that there are so many on the Pension roll who are not members of the Post. Comrades, go after them. Bring them in. Comrade Potter of Lansing showed, to his credit, what one man could do.

FINANCES.

Our financial condition at present is as follows:

Cash in General Fund	\$2,227.14
Cash in Alger Fund	1,000.00
Cash in W. R. C. Fund	802.08

I see but one way in which our Department expenses can be lessened; and that is by the reducing of the salary of the Assistant Adjutant General from \$1,100 to \$800.

Comrades, this must be done or our Order will soon be bankrupt. The comrades are growing older and death has so thinned our ranks. Every year hundreds are laid away. The strictest economy will not suffice to keep our Order alive unless we curtail expenses.

I therefore recommend 1st, that the salary of the Assistant Adj. General be \$800 per annum.

2nd. All bills against the Department shall be itemized and paid by the Quartermaster

3rd. All Department monies received by the Adjutant, from all sources, shall be forwarded to the Quartermaster every two weeks; and all bills against the Department shall be approved by the Commander and paid by check by the Quartermaster.

POST INSPECTION.

Our Department Inspector has performed his duties well, but the work is incomplete because of the many Posts that have not held inspections. 186 reported.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION.

Special praise is due our Patriotic Instructor, M. C. Barney, who has labored so persistently for the completion of the Hall of Fame, of which the people of Genesee Co. may be justly proud.

Engraved on marble slabs in the new County Court House, are the names of all the men who enlisted from that County; also the names of all the soldiers who lived in their County at the present time, whether they were Michigan Volunteers, or enlisted from another state, who enlisted from '61 to '65 and including Spanish War Veterans.

I hope to see many other Counties follow the example set by Genesee County.

SOLDIERS' HOME.

I visited the Soldiers' Home at Grand Rapids and spent hours with the comrades, ate at the table with them, attended funeral services, visited the hospital and talked with the invalids of both the comrades and Woman's building, and I am satisfied that all is being done that can be done, by the management for the comfort and welfare of the occupants of the Home.

THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

To our auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, I return my thanks for the courtesies and help to the Grand Army, and particularly to the Department President, Addah Hall, for the unceasing efforts made in behalf of our soldiers; often going out of her way to visit them and to give them an earnest, yet cheerful talk. She has done much to make herself remembered by the many Old Boys whom she has visited.

LADIES G. A. R.

To the Ladies of the G. A. R. I return thanks for kind words and deeds, and especially Circle No. 1 of Detroit.

DAUGHTERS OF G. A. R.

There has been organized in Detroit a Patriotic order rightly named the Daughters of the Grand Army. Fortress No. 1. Composed of daughters, granddaughters and so on down. We all know how much daughters can do when they have a chance; let us encourage them, we the fathers of all the Patriotic orders, need all the help and inspiration these young people bring. I hope to see many more Fortresses formed during the coming year.

SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

The Spanish War Veterans have taken an active part in our Memorial Day doings, and in all our interests aid us so much, that I believe it would be well to invite them to hold their annual reunion at the same time in the city where we hold our Encampment.

Let us get nearer to them. We fought under the same flag for the honor of our country. They will soon have to do the work we are now doing. I, therefore recommend that

The Spanish War Veterans be invited hereafter to hold their reunions at the same time and place as the Department of Michigan.

SONS OF VETERANS.

This organization should receive our hearty encouragement; for when the Old Soldier is no more, what should be more fitting than for them to take up the work that we lay down? Thus may the name of the Grand Army be perpetuated and the glory of our beloved Stars and Stripes be handed on down to all generations.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

To the Legislative Committee and especially to Geo. W. Stone, our thanks are due for the untiring efforts put forth to gain the laws passed which are of so much benefit to our Comrades.

During my administration I have asked several favors from the Board of State Auditors, and every one has been cheerfully granted.

The furnishing of the place in which the dear old Battle-Flags are sealed away from moth and dust, and in a place where they may be seen by all who enter the Capitol, the storing of the relics in the lower rotunda, we owe to them; and we wish to thank them, especially the Chairman of the Board, Frederick C. Martindale.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

The National Encampment held in Atlantic City September last, was an event long to be remembered. The journey out accompanied by my Official Staff and other comrades, the Department President and her Department Officers, with other Patriotic organizations, made a company of which one might be proud to be a member.

The Department of Michigan made a goodly showing in appearance; being outdone by few. The band deserves special praise. Composed of Civil War Veterans they added much to the enjoyment of our Michigan people and others, both in the parade and during our stay at Atlantic City.

MEMBERSHIP.

The Assistant Adjutant General's report will show the following gains and losses in membership for the year 1910.

GAINS.

From all sources Term ending June 30th, 1910.....	353
From all sources Term ending Dec. 31st, 1910.....	267
Total gain for the year.....	620

LOSSES.

By Death, Term ending June 30th, 1910.....	283
By Death, Term ending Dec. 31st, 1910.....	263
Total deaths for the year.....	546

Losses from other causes, First Term.....	231
Losses from other causes, Second Term.....	323
Total loss for the year.....	1,100
The net loss for the year was.....	480

In number of posts one was gained by reinstatement.

Number of Posts lost, one by surrender of charter and two by delinquent report.

Total number of Posts Dec. 31st.....	309
Total Membership Dec. 31st.....	9,372

Since the December report one new Post has been added to our number; this is Silas Huffman Post No. 463, with a charter membership of 10. This Post is located at Mesick, in Wexford County. Also since December report, Post No. 223, located at Richmond, and Post No. 238, located at Coopersville, have surrendered their Charters. These do not appear in the reports of my administration, but I leave them as heirlooms to my successor.

FINANCES.

The report of Past Assistant Quartermaster, Gen. W. B. Bostock, showed a balance of cash on hand of \$4,057.10, which was turned over to Asst. Q. M. Gen. E. K. Starkweather. To be added to this amount are the receipts of the Asst. Adjt. Gen. for Per Capita tax, the sale of supplies and receipts from other sources.

The Asst. Adjt. Gen.'s report shows that there has been received from Per Capita tax, for both terms \$2,385.17, from sale of supplies, \$237.36 and from other sources \$10.00. The Asst. Q. M. Gen. has received interest on the several funds in his hands, \$....., making total receipts during my administration of \$6,689.63.

Disbursements as shown by the reports of the Asst. Quartermaster General has been \$2,660.41, leaving a balance on hand of \$4,029.22.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Our Department Chaplain will tell you how great the interest taken in Memorial Day, and to all who aided in the general observance of that day, we, the Grand Army of the Republic, are grateful.

The custom is growing, the parades are longer and include more Societies and children—God bless them!

Even in one town where there is no Woman's Relief or other Societies of the kind, (the home of Ex. Gov. Warner) a large delegation of young people and school children marched to the cemeteries, and took part in the Memorial exercises. It was an encouraging sight! We hope the time will soon come when all games, races, and sports are done away with on Memorial Day, that it may indeed be kept as a Holy Day.

PENSION—LEGISLATION NATIONAL.

Just a word in regard to the Sulloway Pension Bill of which you all are doubtless familiar with.

We believe that had it not been for one Senator whose watchword was "Eternal Vigilance," and who was ever ready with objections, the Old Soldiers would have been benefited by this bill. It seems sad to report that since that bill was introduced in the last congress, more old Union soldiers have died than Grant had under him at Shiloh, or Sheridan had at the Battle of Cedar Creek, where the Confederate army was lost under Gen. Early; and doubtless e'er the close of another year, more of the old Veterans will answer to the roll call of the Great Commander, where no more pensions will be needed—than there was when Hood's army was "crushed and nearly swept off the earth" at Franklin.

MEMORIAL.

One Past Department Commander has passed away since June last. He was ever an earnest, enthusiastic member.

Captain Allen was a typical soldier, brave and kind, cheerful and helpful. He was elected Commander of the Department of Michigan for the year 1900. served the Order faithfully and with love to his fellow man. That he will be sadly missed, we hardly need to say, and to his bereaved wife and daughter we extend our most heartfelt sympathy.

TO THE OFFICERS.

I wish to thank sincerely the different officers of this Department; to place on record my appreciation of the efficient help given me by each member of the Official Staff, to E. K. Starkweather, Asst. Q. General, and especially to the Assistant Adjutant General, Fayette Wyckoff, who was ever ready to perform any duty, and who did it in an efficient manner.

I appreciate in the highest degree the honors you have conferred upon me, and as I now turn over to my successor the command of this Department, I think I can conscientiously say I have honestly tried to discharge to the fullest degree of my abilities, all the duties which have fallen upon me in this responsible position.

Long may this Order continue in this "Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave."

S. J. LAWRENCE,
Department Commander.

Senior Vice Department Commander: I will appoint as committee on the address of the Department Commander, Thomas Davy, Post 17, Comrade David Spears, Post No. 10, Comrade E. K. Simmonds, 318.

Officer of the Day: We have a delegation here waiting to extend greetings to the Grand Army of the Republic, the Daughters of the G. A. R.

Department Commander: I will appoint Captain Simmonds, Comrades Kimball and Schneider to escort the young ladies to the rostrum. There are some young ladies coming in here, one of them is one you want to see—a comrade wrote to me and told me that he would like to see my daughter at this encampment, and he says, "I won't know her, but you must introduce me to her, because she will have a new hat." She has had her old hat cleaned, but she is going to wear the same old hat so that you will know her. Comrades it gives me great pleasure to introduce to you this young woman. Many of you met her at Holland, and she has claimed ever since, and I guess justly, that she was responsible, for my election, and you know how she



G. I. NASH
Junior Vice Department Commander

worked and she has dictated to me sometimes, in my appointments, because she said she had a right to. And I take great pleasure in introducing to you my daughter, Mrs. Marks, who is the Commander of the Daughters of the G. A. R.

Mrs. Marks: This is something entirely new to me, I have two objects in view today, I don't know which one to put first, but I will put the one that is nearest my heart first, and that is to thank you comrades for electing my father your Department Commander last year. You are to be the judges as to whether or not he has served you well, but I think he has. My other object is to bring to you the greetings of a new organization, this Detroit organization of Daughters of the G. A. R. known as the Alpheus Phelps Fortress No. 1. We are only 7 months old in Michigan but we can boast 35 members and 14 honorary members. Our work is to aid and support the comrades in their declining years. We do not wish to trespass on any one's rights here and all that we ask is that when you need some one to lean on, you may depend on us for your aids, for we are young and are ambitious and strong and can help you in every way. You will please accept our greetings.

Department Commander: Let me say to you that you can take back the greetings of the Department Commander to your Fortress and say to them that we realize that they are an aid to us because they are our flesh and blood. I will now introduce Mrs. Welsh.

Mrs. Welsh: Commander and Comrades: It was given me to present you with a little bouquet and it is given with much love from the Daughters and our hope is to aid the Fathers and Grandfathers, we want to do all we can for you and we would be glad to have you call on us for our help.

Department Commander: This little star here indicates that she is a granddaughter. It gives me pleasure to introduce to you Miss Moody, you all know Comrade Moody and Mrs. Moody.

Miss Moody: I am glad to assist in bringing the greetings of this new organization to you, I have always been brought up in the G. A. R., and it seems to me that I could scarcely do other than to join the Daughters of the G. A. R.

A Comrade: I move that this organization be recognized as an aid to the Grand Army.

Motion seconded.

Department Commander: There was one thing my daughter did not say to you, this organization takes in all old soldiers' daughters, granddaughters, and great granddaughters. It has been moved and seconded that this organization be recognized as an aid to the Grand Army. Are you ready for the question?

Motion carried unanimously.

Commander: There is one thing I forgot to say, our badge is the little brown button encircled with gold and you can rest assured that when a daughter or granddaughter wears that button, that it will not die out.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The following committees were announced by the Department Commander:
Committee on Resolutions: Comrade Lemkie, Post 384; H. S. Dean, Post 137; C. M. Hall, Post 88.

Committee on Resolutions on the Death of Past Department Commander

E. M. Allen: Comrade O. A. Janes, Post 384; Comrade E. C. Anthony, Post 300; Comrade Vincent Taylor, Post 132.

Committee to Visit W. R. C. to carry the greetings of the G. A. R.: Comrade D. S. Howard, Post 147; Comrade Eli Strong, Post 79; Comrade Geo. W. Howe, Post 98.

Committee to Wait upon the Commander-in-Chief: Comrade Frank R. Chase, Post 126; Comrade H. C. Rankin, Post 180; Comrade E. C. Cannon, Post 16.

Department Commander: Now the parade takes place at 2 o'clock sharp, and I want all comrades to be on tap. And if the young societies are not there, we go without them. We are here for business and I believe that all parades should move on time. So, Comrades, bear in mind and before you adjourn you better fix the hour you are going to meet.

Comrade McBride, Post 262: I move that this Department now take a recess until half-past three o'clock, or such time thereafter as the Department can assemble after the parade and that the first business that the assembly take up on the re-assembling of this Department, be the election of officers.

Motion seconded.

Comrade Devlin, Post 433: I hope the resolution will not be adopted. The different delegations ought to have a meeting so that they could make their selections and agree upon what might be done among themselves before the election takes place. It seems to me that the proper thing to do would be to postpone that election until tomorrow, at 9 or 10 o'clock, and then the different delegations can have an opportunity to sit down this evening and talk the matter over quietly as to what is best to be done. I appeal to your intelligence and patience in this matter. It is important in the selection of officers of this Department that we shall elect good ones and our time has been too short to size up the situation at the present time, and I move, as an amendment, that the election take place at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Seconded.

Department Commander: It has been moved and supported by Comrade Devlin that the motion made by Comrade McBride be amended and that we elect officers tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Comrade Milbourn, Post 111: I move the amendment lay on the table.

Motion seconded.

Department Commander: It is moved and supported that the amendment lay on the table. All in favor say, aye. Opposed, no.

The result of the vote being in doubt, the Commander called for a rising vote.

Comrade McBride, Post 262: I move you that the whole motion be called to a vote and we can either accept or reject.

Department Commander: The motion made by Comrade Devlin was an amendment to Comrade McBride's motion. Comrade McBride's motion was to proceed immediately after the assembling this afternoon to the election of officers. Comrade Devlin moved an amendment that we elect officers tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. This comrade moved that it be laid upon the table, the amendment. Now you are voting to lay the amendment on the table.

Comrade Devlin: I rise to a point of order. I claim that under the rules of the National organization and all parliamentary bodies, that when a mo-

tion to lay on the table is made, upon an amendment of any motion, that it carries the original motion with it.

Department Commander: I supposed so. Let us hear from Comrade Gardner who has had experience along these lines.

Comrade Gardner: It would simplify matters, I think, if you would divide the motion, first to assemble immediately after the parade, that stands by itself, and then the other that we elect officers tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock, if that is the motion, then each stands on its own merits, and every comrade understands what he is voting for.

Comrade Horton: I rise to a further point of order that this motion is out of order because it contains two distinct propositions.

Comrade Allen, 180: I move as a substitute to the whole business, that this convention meet at three o'clock this afternoon, after the parade.

Seconded.

Department Commander: It is moved that when we adjourn, we adjourn until three o'clock. Are you ready for the question?

The substitute carried and a recess was taken until three o'clock.

FIRST DAY.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Meeting called to order by the Department Commander, who thanked the comrades for the splendid showing they made in the parade and then called for the Assistant Adjutant General to read communications. Telegrams were read as follows:

Samuel Lawrence, Department Commander G. A. R., Ypsilanti, Mich.

On behalf of the members of the Department of Michigan United Spanish War Veterans, permit me to extend greetings to yourself and comrades in convention assembled. That you may remain in our midst for many years to come is the wish of all.

In addressing the memorial gathering in this city three weeks ago I expressed the hope that I might live to see the day when the daughters of the confederacy will place the stars and stripes on the lonely graves of the boys in blue in the Southland, and the sons of the North, wreaths of flowers on the tombs of the boys in gray. Only last evening I read with pleasure, in the daily papers, that the members of Gov. Crapo Post, of Flint, had acted as pallbearers at the funeral of a confederate soldier. Such conduct, on the part of the members of your organization, is to be greatly commended, and proves, beyond question, that today there is only one country and one flag.

With my best personal wishes, sincerely and fraternally yours,

FRED R. SCHMALZRIEDT,

Dept. Commander of Mich. United Spanish War Veterans.

Los Angeles, Calif., 6-21-11.

Department Encampment, Dept. of Michigan G. A. R., Samuel J. Lawrence, Commander in session at Ypsilanti, Mich.:

Department of California and Nevada extend fraternal greetings and best wishes to comrades of Michigan that you may have many annual reunions in the future like that which you are now enjoying.

Many veterans of Michigan have made California their permanent home and constitute an honored portion of our department membership. We cordially invite all comrades of Michigan to visit Los Angeles in nineteen twelve if we have the good fortune to induce the national encampment to select Los Angeles for that honor next year.

Will greatly appreciate whatever assistance your representatives may accord California at Rochester.

Department of California and Nevada by Department G. A. R. Committee.
P. Z. OSBORN, *Chairman*.

Department Commander: If there is no objection the communications will be received and placed on file.

Comrade Gardner, Post 210: I am compelled to leave the encampment before it closes, to fill an engagement made some time ago. There is a matter that I would like to present while the encampment is at its largest. As is known, there was a good deal of talk concerning general pension legislation in the last Congress, what is known as the Sulloway Bill, passed the House by a large majority, but failed in the Senate by the objection of a single individual. There are several bills now pending in the House. It is probable that no action will be taken at this special session, our democratic friends having outlined their policy in the caucus, and it is their perfect right, but before we meet again, Congress will have an opportunity both in the House and Senate, to face this question and put themselves upon record. Members from our state, as from other states, desire to do the will of their constituents. I want to present this resolution, and I hope that it will receive the endorsement of every person here, and that it may by your authority be transmitted, through the Assistant Adjutant General to the Senators and Representatives from Michigan. In this semi-centennial year of the outbreak of the great Civil War, many feel that we ought to let out at least one hole in the buckle and make more liberal pensions to the surviving members of the army, so with your permission I will read this draft of the resolution.

Resolved: By the Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic in Thirty-Third Annual Encampment convened, that we favor the Sulloway bill in preference to any pension measure now pending in Congress, and respectfully request our Senators and members in Congress from Michigan, to advocate and vote for the said bill or its equivalents.

I move the adoption of the resolution.

Seconded.

Comrade Gardner: And that a certified copy of the resolution be sent to each member of Congress by the Assistant Adjutant General.

Motion seconded and carried unanimously.

Comrade Stone, Post 42: If the Department will bear with me for five minutes, I would like to make the report as chairman of the legislative committee.

Department Commander: Come up this way. There is no objection, I guess. I want to say in introducing to you Comrade Stone, that I made him Chairman of the Committee on Legislation, and he worked all winter incessantly for the bills that were passed in the interests of the Grand Army.

REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

ENCAMPMENT DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, G. A. R.

YPSILANTI, MICHIGAN, June 2nd, 1911.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General:

Comrade: The Legislative Committee appointed for the current year, to look after Legislation in the interest of comrades in this Department, beg leave to submit a report of bills introduced, and their condition at close of the Legislative Session, and the general disposition made of each bill.

HOUSE BILLS.

No. 236, File No. 147—To place Soldiers' Home under control of a central board, was defeated after a most bitter fight.

No. 12, File No. 9—To take away soldier's pension at the Soldiers' Home, the bill was defeated.

No. 118, File No. 72—For an appropriation for a memorial building, died in the hands of the Committee of Ways and Means—they believed the cause was just and right, but the present financial condition of the State was against it. We withdrew our fight on the bill in order to secure passage of bills that were more essential to our comrades while living. We believe the next Legislature will pass this bill.

No. 523, File No. 235—Grand Army Headquarters at Capitol. This was a bill directing the Department Commander to compile a report of deceased comrades, in this Department, within a year—said report shall include the names of deceased comrades, date of death, the Company, Regiment and Post of which he is a member. This report shall be printed in the proceedings of the annual encampment and a copy sent to each Post in this Department. This bill became a law.

No. 230, File No. 89—Soldiers' homestead exemption bill. This bill exempts every soldier of the Civil War, who served three months or more, his wife or widow, \$1,000.00 on their homestead, provided the assessed valuation does not exceed \$3,000.00 and that they possess no other property or assets. The bill became a law.

No. 180, File No. 303—The appropriation for Soldiers' Home for \$200,000 was cut by Ways and Means Committee, and reported out recommending \$175,000, and so passed the House, it went to the Senate and was amended so as to appropriate \$200,000, went back to the House and was concurred in and signed by the Governor.

SENATE BILLS.

No. 388, File No. 363—Soldiers' burial bill. This bill allows for burial hereafter whenever any honorably discharged union soldier, sailor or marine, having served in the Army, Navy of the United States during the Civil War or the late war with Spain, or the wife or widow of such soldier, sailor or marine, or any army nurse, who was employed as a nurse by the authority which is recognized by the War Department and who rendered actual service as nurse in attendance upon the sick and wounded in any regimental

post, camp or general hospital of the Armies of the United States, for a period of six months or more and who was honorably relieved from such service, shall die, not possessed of an estate, both real and personal exceeding the sum of \$1,500.00, and is a resident of this State, it shall be the duty of the board of supervisors in the respective counties, or the board of County Auditors, in a county having a board of County Auditors, upon application therefor, by the executor or administrator of the estate of such deceased person or persons who may have incurred or advanced the expenses in connection with the burial of said deceased, to pay to the estate of such deceased person, or to the person or persons who incurred or advanced such expense, a sum not to exceed \$55.00 for the purpose of reimbursing such person or persons for the expense thus incurred. The old bill did not compel the supervisors to act. This bill does. The bill passed and became a law.

No. 407, File No. 382—Control of Museum and the battle flags. This bill was drawn by the Chairman of this Committee. He found the old war relics had been taken out of the Museum where they had been for 33 years and stored away in a water closet and the old flags, all tattered and torn, had at various times been taken out of their cases, carried in parades and liable to be destroyed. This bill makes the Board of State Auditors custodians of the Museum and flags, with three comrades to be appointed by the Department Commander to consult with said Board of State Auditors. The flags are never to be taken out of the sealed cases on the second floor of the rotunda in the Capitol, except by an act of the Legislature. The Board of State Auditors have fitted up a Museum first floor in the rotunda, directly under the old battle flags, the cases are all new, and the old relics were never shown to such advantage as they are today. The Board appointed three Comrades to consult with them (Geo. W. Stone, Chairman, Fayette Wyckoff and Lester J. Kenney). We believe that this encampment owes the present Board of State Auditors a vote of thanks. They have proved themselves to be our friends. The bill became a law.

No. 348, File 303—To allow the soldiers at the Soldiers' Home to donate to State voluntary, any portion or all of their pension. There are some who are bed ridden, that have medical attendance and nurse all the time, who desire to do so, but it could not be accepted without an act of the Legislature. The bill died in the Senate as it was not reached before close.

No. 347, File No. 321—To admit soldiers' widows to Soldiers' Home on the same terms as soldiers, provided they have been married to a soldier ten years. Died in Senate, as it was not reached before close.

No. 14, File No. 13—To pay back soldiers' pensions at Soldiers' Home. Bill passed House and Senate and was vetoed by the Governor.

There were eleven bills introduced in which your Committee took an active interest. Seven of these bills were decided in favor of your Committee. Some of them we consider the most important acts ever enacted by the Legislature of Michigan. Our old comrades that were members of the Legislature done noble work, also the sons of veterans. While the Spanish War veterans did not have the same opportunity to win laurel on the battle field that we did, they stood by us on every bill like old veterans, showing that they are worthy of being our successors, they are loyal and patriotic.

Most respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. STONE,
HENRY A. CHUTE,
FRANK R. CHASE,

Committee.
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A Comrade: Supposing a man dies in Wayne county, and he is buried in Washtenaw county, is there anything to prevent the payment of that \$55 or is that optional with the auditors of the county?

Comrade Stone: I can only give my opinion, but my opinion is that the county in which he dies is responsible and would have to pay it regardless of where he is buried.

A Comrade: Now you know we are trying to save time, and these are simply facts that will be printed, and you will get them after a while, and I move that the report be adopted without referring to a committee.

Seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Department Commander: We will listen to the report of the Senior Vice-Commander. I would like to have the Junior Vice-Commander preside. (Junior Vice-Commander G. I. Nash takes the chair and the Senior Vice-Commander reads his report).

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

YPSILANTI, MICHIGAN, June 22, 1911.

Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., and Comrades:

My report will consist mainly of apologies for what I have failed to do, in place of filling the position of Senior Vice Commander as it ought to be filled. I have been (through sickness of myself and wife) unable to even visit one Post during the past year. On Memorial Day I attended (with Weatherwax Post, No. 75, of Grand Haven) one of the most impressive services that I ever attended. We had delightful weather, and a very large attendance of school children all carrying flags, and the Memorial Day address was one of the most impressive that I ever had the pleasure of hearing and delivered by a young attorney of Grand Haven. I have had the pleasure of giving two talks to the seventh and eighth grade school, and coming as it did just when these grades were studying war history, it was received with much enthusiasm by the scholars. I gave them a short history of the Atlanta campaign and the Wilson Raid, all taken from a diary that I kept during the war, and being able to furnish dates of all important events it was very highly appreciated. The duties devolving upon the Senior Vice Commander of this Department are so vague and uncertain that it has been a hard matter for me to present to this encampment a report that could possibly be very interesting. It reminds me of the colored man who was giving his war history. He was asked what position he held in the army. He said he was next to the captain. "Then you must have been first lieutenant?" "I don't know what you would call it; I boiled de eggs and de captain eat them and I drink de broth."

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. WARD,
Senior Vice Commander.

It was moved and seconded that the report be adopted without reference to a committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Department Commander: We will hear the report of the Junior Vice Commander.

Junior Vice Commander: I am in a worse fix than the Senior Vice. Quite a good deal. In the first place, I did not know what to do when I was elected, and I have served a year and I don't know yet, but I have made a little report which I will read here and a part of this report has already been submitted to the executive committee, those who are on the executive committee will have to hear it over again.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Department Commander, Officers and Comrades:

I have the honor to submit the following report as Junior Vice Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic of Michigan.

I appreciate the honor conferred upon me by the comrades by electing me to this honorable office one year ago at the City of Holland. Not being present when elected, nor at the installation of officers, I did not know of my election until I arrived at my home in our little hamlet of Marcellus with about one thousand inhabitants, one of every seven being a soldier, who came to meet and congratulate me. I was later obligated by Past Department Commander Russel R. Pealer of Three Rivers.

The duties of Junior Vice Department Commander are so limited that I have but very little to report.

On August 10 of last year I was invited to attend a meeting of the Van Buren County Battalion at Lawton. Took part in the exercises and received many invitations to visit their Posts. Since then have attended a number of Post meetings and comrades through this section of the county, appealing to them to attend Post meetings, and if a comrade could not pay his dues to remit them. I find in several cases it has been done, especially in our own Post.

By request of the Department I called on several of the former members of W. C. Gilbert Post No. 47 of Dowagiac; interviewed a number of both factions (the Department understands the cause of the trouble). On one side there was no compromise, while the other side was anxious and willing for a reorganization. Their last report to the Department shows 35 members of which one half or more are anxious to reorganize. I suggested to them to call a meeting for *all old soldiers*; to have a Department Officer or some other influential Grand Army man to visit them. My suggestion was favorably received.

In conclusion will say that the people of Marcellus as well as myself feel honored with the fine and patriotic address delivered on Memorial Day by Assistant Adjutant General Wyckoff of Lansing.

Wishing the incoming administration a successful year and that we may all meet again in annual encampment is my sincere desire.

GEO. I. NASH,
Junior Vice Department Commander.

I move the adoption of the report.

Seconded.

Motion put and carried.

The Chaplain not being able to read his report on account of affliction of his eyes, the report was read by the Assistant Adjutant General.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

To Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan:

Honored Sir and Comrade: I herein render to you my report as Department Chaplain covering Memorial Day services, for May 30th, 1910, tabulated from reports received from Posts of this Department.

Number of Posts that observed Memorial Sunday.....	270
Number of sermons preached to them.....	270
Number of veterans that preached sermons to them.....	9
Number of sons of veterans that preached sermons to them.....	20
Number of veterans who attended these services.....	6,744
Number of Posts that observed Decoration Day.....	263
Number of veterans who attended these services.....	8,548
Number of cemeteries in which soldiers' graves were decorated...	904
Number of soldiers' graves decorated.....	23,459
Number of graves unmarked by proper headstones.....	1,307
Number of schools joining in Memorial Day services.....	397
Number of scholars joining in these services.....	37,641
Number of other organizations.....	134
Number of public addresses delivered to Posts.....	229
Number of veterans who delivered addresses.....	31
Number of sons of veterans who delivered addresses.....	19
Number of Posts owning burial places in cemeteries.....	139

To decorate the graves of friends by cultivating flowers on them or at intervals placing flowers on the surface is no new custom, but to do this annually as an extensive public ceremony and for those we may never have personally known, is a very different and imposing affair.

A stranger, uninstructed, would naturally inquire: "Who are these for whom we do it; and why is it done as a national and public, sacred and solemn, emblematic ceremony?"

Our answer to the first question is—These on the outset, were most of them our most promising young men, many of unusual ability and promise, from our homes, our farms, our schools, our churches, our counting houses, our learned professions—teachers, lawyers, doctors, ministers, who at the call of the country, *volunteered* to give their services and lives for its defense, to save it from disruption, disintegration and probable destruction as a free, united government and nationality. They constituted an army, in character, in size and in free and voluntary service entirely unknown before in history. Hundreds of thousands died on the field of battle, in hospitals, etc., invalids, discharged and returned to their homes.

The conflict finally over, the survivors, grown older, great masses broken in strength, shattered in health, with youthful vigor, hopes and prospects all sacrificed, have constantly and enormously multiplied the first sacrifices laid on the altar. This has gone on until the later and riper fruits are being

gathered from every community in rapidly increasing numbers, and our land filled with these precious, venerable and memorable relicts of the great Civil War, as a heritage to the future to the value, cost and treasure of free, constitutional intelligent and priceless institutions and government.

This is why we decorate these graves and why every soldier's grave that can be found should be decorated and thus reported for permanent record.

Another reason is in answer to the question: "What did these men *accomplish*?" Far more than intended or expected. Not many of them personal fame, glory, wealth, power, for themselves, but all these for the country they helped save, making it, in freedom, unity, honor, power, intelligence, prosperity and attractiveness what it never had been and probably never would have been, at least for many generations, but for the results accomplished by these men whose graves we decorate and whose costly sacrifice and sufferings we honor. And it naturally follows and may well be asked: "*What was their recompense?*" It is rather sad to say there was none, and can be none, in this life, in any way adequate or commensurate with the service, sufferings and sacrifices made and endured of nearly all we count dear on earth. True, our imperilled government gave them, and us, if in the ranks of private volunteer service, our board and clothing when we could get it, and sixteen dollars a month, less than even ordinary workmen now receive for one week's pay, now in these peaceful days of safety and quiet home life.

But even this narrow margin of pay was at times scrimped to less than half by the fearful depreciation of the national paper currency in which they and we were paid, while the greedy bondholders and speculators enormously enriched themselves without danger of life and suffering by the enormous appreciation of gold and depreciation of paper by which those in their graves and others still living grew mightily poorer, while bearing the fearful burden of constant danger, deprivation, suffering and death, in faithful duty and constant service. For this reason in part, many of the dead died poor and their families suffered grim poverty, and living men have to go without the adequate comforts of life, old, infirm and helpless.

But no amount of mere gold or silver or depreciated currency can adequately compensate for suffering, loss of limb, health, much less the loss of a worthy, valuable life to any person or their family or friends. The millions of public debt can be paid in like, but cannot give back a precious life or make good one broken heart or tender earthly tie.

Such paltry stuff, however desirable and convenient now, and necessary to this life, cannot pay, if dealt out in countless sums, the debt of the living nation to its buried dead, and scantily in proportion to need and merit, is it grudgingly, by some, doled out to those still living and suffering and needy.

The real and true recompense is not here and now.

And it is but a poor and slight mode of praise and gratitude we pay them when, annually, by decree and authority of the Grand Army of the Republic, their resting places are publicly recognized and adorned, and every G. A. R. Post does its duty and orders its record made and reported of such grateful and loving service, if faithfully and fully done and reported; and to the formulated question: "How many graves did your Post decorate?" specific numbers are given, instead of the too frequent and stupid reply, "I don't know."

To those whose business it is to make such reports, it is their business to know. If they do not, they should take an honorable care and pride to find out, and promptly report for the general record of information.

By such means only is a full data provided for the present and future of the number who, having served their country with their lives, being dead, yet speak to the living. Their deeds and memories are vitalized to the country and world, and their "records are on high," and the reward of the worthy and faithful is sure. If there is an "Immortality," as we fully believe, and feel sure, we know that *immortality can never perish*. We die, but live again and what we shall be we shall be forever. That will be our recompense.

June 10th, 1911.

WM. PUTNAM,
Department Chaplain.

The reading of the Chaplain's report was interrupted by the announcement that the Commander-in-Chief was in waiting, and he was escorted into the room.

Department Commander: It gives me pleasure to introduce to you our Commander-in-Chief, Johnnie Gilman, that is what they told me his name was, from Massachusetts. (Applause).

Comrade Barratt, Post 278: I move that the report of the Chaplain be considered read, in order to forward the business of the Encampment.

Seconded.

Motion carried.

Department Commander: What will you do with it, refer to a committee?

Motion made and seconded that it be adopted without further reading.

Motion carried.

Department Commander: It gives me pleasure to introduce to you Commander Gilman, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander Gilman: Commander and Comrades, I like the first introduction better, Johnnie Gilman, that is what they call me from Maine to California, and I like it because, don't you know, it sounds as if those who called me that, loved me. That is the way it strikes me and of all the things in this life that are dear to me, it is the love of my comrade. I am one of the younger soldiers, I am one of the Grand Army liars, perhaps there are some among you, I should judge there were. I was not 18 when I enlisted, but some how or other, I convinced the recruiting officer that I was. I don't know now what steps I took to convince him, but since then they have called me a Grand Army liar, and looking into your faces now, it strikes me that there are quite a large number of you who would be in my class. (Applause).

At any rate, it would appear so, when we look upon you marching through the streets of Ypsilanti. It seemed like the old days once more, like the old rout-step only you didn't have your muskets slung over your shoulder, and your knapsack on your back, and a chicken or two hanging to the knapsack. It seems to me that some of you must have had chicken when you were in the army. I suppose of course you bought them and paid for them. (Cries of Sure, Sure).

Nobody from Michigan, you know, would take a chicken without paying for it and I was glad indeed, comrades, to see you in that march. I do not believe in the world, not to say, America, but in all the world, I do not believe that here is an organization of men whose ages would aggregate as much as yours. And who still possess the sinews of strength and all the attributes of manhood, and for that I congratulate you heartily. You and I, comrades, have much to be thankful for, and we are sensible enough to ascribe

our blessings to the proper source. And we are Christian enough to be able to raise our hands to Heaven and to thank the Almighty God for the blessings he has vouchsafed to us. (Applause).

I have been to a large number of encampments, comrades, in the last three months, and this is the last one, I think, that is held, and they appear about the same, the same glad smile greets me, the same warm clasp of the hand, the same jolly disposition, and the same cheerful nature that belongs to you belongs to your comrades in the other departments. It is with great satisfaction that I bring to you the greetings of your 214,000 comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. It is a great deal to say at this time, 50 years after the beginning of the war that we have that number in our organization. It means that the Grand Army of the Republic has many years more of life before it as an organization, many years because, while some of them may be old, the Grand Army liars are still young and they will perpetuate our organization for a long time yet.

They will march other years just as you did today, and I wondered as I saw you marching by, and touching elbows as in the old days, I wondered if your thoughts went back to those old times when you touched elbows on the march, when you touched elbows in the line of battle. I wondered if you thought of the boys that stood beside you on the firing line, the boys that slept beside you the night before and fell by your side in that line. I will bet some of you thought of this, boys. I did, as I saw you marching by; my thoughts went back to those days and name after name suggested themselves to me, names that were obliterated long, long years ago. Names of boys that I loved, and who loved me, who slept by my side on the ground the night before the battle, and who fell by my side the next morning. Those thoughts occurred to me, and I know that they must have occurred to you.

Such gatherings as these are means by which we indulge in reminiscences, we go back and live our lives over again and Comrades, that is the very best part of it. We can look back on our lives, we fought the battle of the war from '61 to '65, and we are proud of that time, but we have something to be proud of ever since. We have been fighting a battle from 1865 to 1911, and we have won, comrades, we have won. You saw today in this city, the honors that were paid you by the people. You saw the little children marching in the streets, waving the flags. That meant something. Comrades, they would not have any flag to wave if it were not for you. Think of that. It is a beautiful thought, and we may be well excused if we indulge in such a thought, and it is something to come to these cities and have the people make such preparations for us, and extend their welcome and their hospitality, and to have the governor of the state stand there on the platform and greet you so charmingly, and shake hands with every one of you that he could reach. That was a nice thing, comrades. It means one thing, it means not only that the little children love you, honor you, and reverence you, but it means that the people of the whole state, as represented by its governor, honor and respect you. So, when you go to your homes, comrades, you will carry with you the satisfaction of knowing that you have not lived your lives in vain, you have fought this great battle of life ever since '65 and you have fought it successfully. Your looks show it. Had you not fought it successfully, you would not have been able to march in that line today, you would not have been able to attend this encampment this week.

You are the survival of the fittest. You are the men of strong wills, of moral force, and because you are, you are here today, enjoying the hospitality and honors and receiving the blessings of the people who owe every-

thing to you. I say to you, be not discouraged at the things that have happened in Washington. I want to say a few words to you on that point. You remember that your pension committee made a report to the last National Encampment. That report was referred to the committee on resolutions composed of one from each department. That committee sat until 2 o'clock in the morning, and then made a report to the National Encampment, which was adopted. Upon the report adopted by the National Encampment, your pension committee formulated a pension bill and presented it in the Senate and House. It calls for about \$17,000,000; it gave \$12 a month at age 62, \$15 at age 66, \$20 at age 70, \$25 at age 75 and \$30 to any man at any age who required whole or partial aid, assistants and attention. That was the encampment bill as formulated by the pension committee, based upon the action of the national encampment. Before any action could be taken upon that, before it could be gotten out of the Senate and House committees, the Sulloway Bill was brought into the House calling for \$45,000,000. It was rushed through the House by a tremendous vote, as you know. It presented a problem, then, to the pension committee, and they sent for me to come to Washington, and I went. We talked it over. I said to them, "Gentlemen, there is no doubt but what you are following the direction of the National Encampment in formulating the Encampment bill and presenting it in the House and Senate. My advice is that you leave your bill just where it is, take off your coats and work night and day tooth and nail for the Sulloway Bill, which gives \$45,000,000 and is therefore much better than the Encampment Bill." I said to them, "Gentlemen, it may be that the Sulloway Bill cannot pass and that the Encampment Bill can pass, but, if you place yourselves, in the position of pushing the Encampment Bill, against the Sulloway Bill, he will be hanged in effigy from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean," and I believed what I said, and I think, Comrades, you will bear me out. (Calls of That is right, We do).

They took my advice, and they worked as hard as they could, and I worked as hard as I could for the Sulloway Bill, because it meant \$45,000,000 for the comrades, instead of \$17,000,000, but all in vain, you know the result. Lodge killed it, and it is a pity that his election did not come after instead of before that time. I can tell you now, as a Massachusetts man, he had a close call when he was re-elected. If that election had come after that occurrence, there would have been absolutely no chance for him in Massachusetts. He is damned from Maine to California, not excepting Massachusetts, and I think I may say here that the Massachusetts comrades damn him a damned sight harder than the Michigan comrades. Well, there is the situation. Now, then, we looked over the subject, I have been in Washington several times. We looked to the extra session of Congress, but we are assured, comrades, that absolutely no pension legislation will be transacted during the extra session, you might as well make up your minds on that, no matter what they tell you, no matter what they do in the House, the Senate will not take up any pension legislation during the extra session, so that all our efforts now must be bent for the regular session which opens in December and then we must go to work and decide in the National Encampment, if you please, what is best to be done when the regular session convenes. It may be, comrades, that the encampment looking the field over, may decide upon a smaller bill as the one more likely to succeed on the old principle that a half loaf is better than no bread. In the Sulloway Bill, we asked for a whole loaf and we got nothing. It is said and with pretty good reason, that if the Sulloway Bill had not been presented in that way, and if

we could have pushed the Encampment Bill, that it would have passed the Senate and House and been signed by the President at the last regular session. It has been said in Washington, on pretty good authority. Well, that would have been half a loaf and it would have been better than no bread that we have had ever since. We will all agree on that.

What we want to decide now is what will we do in regard to pensions for the next regular session of Congress, and it remains for the National Encampment to consider that wisely. I wanted to tell you this thing, Comrades, because I wanted you to understand the pension situation so far as we were concerned in it. I wanted you to know that the man you elected at Atlantic City for Commander-in-Chief did every thing in his power, worked hard, travelled to Washington a half dozen times or more in the interests of the larger bill rather than the smaller bill, and because his efforts were not successful is no reason that he should not, and the administration should not get credit for having tried all in their power to benefit their comrades all over this land.

I want to tell you another thing. You have heard something of the railroad rates to the next encampment. I had several interviews with the general passenger agents of the different trunk lines, and they all tell this story, comrades, and I want you to understand this situation. They all tell this story. Every one of them in different places told the same story to me, and for that reason it looks to me as if there is some truth in it, and some good logic in it. They said this, if the roads were to give the Grand Army a very low rate to the Encampment, which they have a right to do, under the Inter-state Commerce Act, if they give you, say a cent and a quarter or a cent a mile, what would be the result? All the other conventions held all over this Union could come to them and demand the same rate that they give the Grand Army, and if we refused it, then they would say, they could charge us with discrimination, and therefore, a violation of the Interstate Commerce Act. You can see the point, I think, clearly. Now, then we tried to talk them out of it, but it was no use, but we got a fare and a half rate and I wrote immediately to my Judge Advocate, and I told him what all these agents had said to me. Now I says, "Comrade Hawkins, I want you to draw up a bill mandatory to all roads to discriminate in favor of the Grand Army of the Republic and its allied organizations when attending National encampments." He did so, and that bill is presented in both Senate and House, I am told. I am watching it closely, and I am told that there is a fairly reasonable chance for that bill to be passed and if it is passed, we can go to the railroads and upset the claim that they put up to me this year, and we can say to them, "Now, gentlemen, you can discriminate in favor of the Grand Army and its allied organizations, and God knows there is no other organization that deserves discrimination more than they, you can discriminate in favor of them, and no other convention can come to you and charge you with violation of the law." I tell you these things, comrades, because I want you to understand the situation, I want you to understand the difficulties we have been up against this year, and the steps we have taken to try to overcome these difficulties, and I hope that our action will be pleasing to the comrades who placed their confidence in me by placing me in the high position at Atlantic City. Honestly, comrades, all through the year I have been thinking, during the day, and dreaming at night, trying to think out some way of advancing the interests of the Grand Army, and that is what it has been, throughout the whole year. I have run up against snags as I have told you, and no man, I don't care who he was, could remove

those snags any better than I could. I certainly know that no man could have tried harder than I have tried.

Now, my comrades, I will not detain you any longer. I am glad to see that you are all sensible men. I am glad to see that you are throwing off your coats and taking it easy. It looks as if you have come right down to hard-pan business, and I know you will transact your business like the sensible men you have proven yourselves to be. I understand you are to have a camp-fire this evening, and I will have the pleasure of talking to you, of course along different lines, because I would not think it proper to inject these things that I have been talking to you about in a talk to the general public. I do not believe we want to wash our dirty linen in public or to give the public knowledge of our own transactions. I hope to have the pleasure of meeting you this evening, and the Commander has told me that inasmuch as you will probably be concluding your business tomorrow, that I may take the train for Boston tonight at 9:42 because I have been on the tramp for two weeks, attending encampments, and I am pretty well used up, and I can tell you this hot day in Ypsilanti just adds the finishing touch.

Department Commander: Comrades, when I express to the Commander-in-Chief, I know I am expressing your esteem and confidence, I believe that the state of Michigan holds Comrade Gilman as close to their hearts as Massachusetts, and I want Comrade Gilman to see them before he leaves. I understand there are three ladies at the door. I will appoint Comrade Wilbur Lawton, Comrade Henry Moses and Comrade Long to escort them in here.

Comrade from Port Huron, Post 98: I think this is a good opportunity at this time and I make the motion that those assembled rise and stand one-half minute at attention in memory of our departed comrades and those unable to attend.

Seconded.

Motion put and carried.

Comrade Rankin then made announcements as to the camp-fires.

The ladies announced were escorted to the platform.

Department Commander: Comrades, you have seen my other daughter, I supposed she was with them. I want to introduce to you my other two daughters.

Mrs. Lawrence: We wish to present you with this umbrella, a little token from your three daughters.

Department Commander: They say they want to present me with this umbrella from my three daughters, and I bet 50 cents I will lose it in less than a week.

Motion made and carried that they be presented with delegate's badges, which motion carried.

Assistant Adjutant General: I have the resignation of our Chaplain which I will read.

To the Commander and Comrades of the G. A. R., Department of Michigan:

Last year I asked for an honorable discharge, as your Chaplain. The response to which, was a re-election for life. This imposes upon me, after nine years' service as your Chaplain, and on the first day of my eighty-ninth year. The duty to you as well as myself, of submitting my resignation, as I am no longer able to perform the work required of me in the capacity of

Department Chaplain, especially the work of compiling the Memorial Day reports from nearly 300 Posts and of making my report to you.

Thanking you most earnestly for the honor and kindness shown me, I am
yours,

WILLIAM PUTNAM,
Per Mrs. Meech.

Comrade Starkweather, 318: I move that this resignation be laid on the table. Seconded.

Motion put and carried.

Comrade Bolter, 42: I rise to a question of privilege. We have in our Post three Past Commanders that have lost their honors, not by any fault of theirs, but because in two instances the Posts have been disbanded, and they have returned their charter and books to the Department. One of them is Chas. Turrel, who was commander of Post 93 at Bancroft-Webberville, for 10 or 12 years. Soon after returning his books, he joined the Post at Williamston and after that he joined our Post by card and we ask to have his honors restored. We also have another comrade William B. Treadway, he joined the Post at Morris, and he staid with the Post until it was disbanded, and then moved to Dakota, there being no Post in the vicinity, he was unable to join one, when he returned he joined our Post, No. 42, Lansing, and has been an honored member of our Post and holding offices in our Post ever since. We have another comrade, Alfred H. Dubois, who was a Post Commander at Greenville, he was suspended from Greenville Post and has since joined our Post. We ask to have their honors restored and that they be admitted to the floor of this Encampment.

Motion seconded.

The Department Commander put the motion which carried unanimously.

Comrade Pond, Post 2: I understand that a motion to lay the Chaplain's resignation on the table was made and is not debatable, but you did not put the motion?

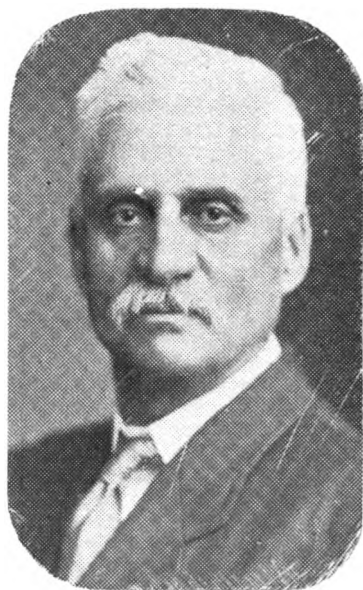
Department Commander: Yes, it was carried, laid on the table unanimously.

Comrade Pond: Unfortunately then, my infirmity, loss of hearing, prevented what I wanted to say regarding our most honorable and aged veteran Chaplain that the Department could possibly have. He has asked for his release, and he has asked for it most conscientiously. He is infirm and growing more so, and your vote last year which made him Chaplain for life, I think now can continue to a certain extent. I was going to ask to have that motion laid on the table that he be made honorary Chaplain and that we elect a regular Chaplain, giving him the honors. He is one year from 90, and I think we would all love to see him with us continuously.

Comrade Bolter, Post 42: In regard to our Comrade Chaplain Putnam, he has been Chaplain of our Post a good many years, for nearly 20 years, and he is a man that we respect and we love. There is not a comrade in Charles T. Foster Post but what would like to see him fill the position of Department Chaplain but his health is in such condition that he cannot act and if you will do as my friend has just suggested and elect him honorary Chaplain he will receive it gratefully, and it will release him from the labor that he cannot perform. He just had a cataract removed from one eye and the other is getting very dim from another cataract. And his health is very feeble and he would esteem it a high honor if you would just give him those honors.



W. W. ROOT
Medical Director



D. S. KIMBALL
Department Inspector

Department Commander: May I say just one word. Let me say to you there is not a man in the Department that I love more than I do Comrade Putnam and I honestly believe and I know that every comrade realizes that his days are short. He has served us faithfully as he has that Post and when he dies, comrades, I would like to see him buried with full honors of the Department Chaplain, and I will say this, if he is continued as he is, I will attend the encampments and do the praying for him myself.

Comrade Simpson, 32: Do you find anything in the rules and regulations of the Grand Army providing for honorary membership?

Department Commander: This matter has already been disposed of, his resignation has been laid upon the table, he will remain the Chaplain, and I will agree to do the work. The next is the Medical Director's report.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

MASON, MICHIGAN, June, 1911.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General Grand Army of the Republic,
Department of Michigan:

Dear Sir and Comrades: In submitting my report as Medical Director, I desire, first of all to thank the comrades of our last Encampment for the honor conferred upon me, without solicitation on my part, also Commander Lawrence and his staff for special courtesies extended.

In looking over the Journal, I see my predecessor, for the last two years, made no report; doubtless this was due to the fact the National Encampment discontinued the reports of the department medical directors.

For the number of deaths, I respectfully refer you to the accurate report of the Assistant Adjutant General.

I have a few suggestions to make: Many of the Posts have changed the time of meeting from the evening to the afternoon and some alternating between the afternoon and evening. As a rule, they are well pleased with the change. Where they have not made this change, I would suggest to the Post Surgeons to call the attention of their Posts to this matter, as many of the comrades, in their advanced age are inclined to prefer the home circle in the evening rather than attend the Post.

It has come to my knowledge recently of the sudden death of several comrades among strangers and there was no means of identification, except the army button, and they were deprived of the aid and comfort that their friends would have been willing and glad to administer.

I would suggest that all Posts issue cards with the name and address of the officers of the Post and every comrade be supplied with one and wear it on his person.

A word of caution to the comrades:

Our next National Encampment is to be held at Rochester, New York, the week of August 21st. This is earlier in the season than usual, the weather is liable to be warm, and the march somewhat extended; joining in the parade will be only natural and laudable in the comrades, most of whom are nearly or, over seventy years of age; the stimulus of the music and the enthusiasm of the occasion, many will be liable to over-tax their strength. I would

suggest that you drop out of the ranks before you are overcome by heat and fatigue of the march.

The local committee at Rochester are preparing to do all they can in case of sickness or accident.

It must be a source of gratification to the comrades to note the general increased regard and appreciation of the old veterans. This is especially manifested in the organization in our behalf, the Woman's Relief Corps and Ladies of the G. A. R. The strongest feeling of fraternity of this country today is the brotherhood of the surviving members of that once grand army of soldiers, who fought and made such great sacrifices to preserve the Union, now the greatest nation on earth.

I trust there will be no adverse criticisms if I should give some facts relative to our Soldiers' Home at Grand Rapids, which may be new and of some interest to many of the comrades, though some might think it outside the jurisdiction of the Medical Director. The Home was opened Sept. 11th, 1885, since then and up to May 25th, 1911, there has been admitted 6,014 soldiers. About 120 of these served in the Spanish-American or in the Philippine War. The number who have died at the Home during the time, 2,014. The number of women admitted since 1894 to May 25th, 1911, is 510. The number of deaths during that time is 143. For the month of April of this year, there was nineteen deaths at the Home.

The youngest soldier of the Civil war is sixty-one years and the oldest ninety-seven years of age. The average age is about seventy years. The average time of service was twenty-eight months. Sixty per cent of those who have been members of the Home served in Michigan regiments, the other forty per cent was credited to thirty-four different states. At the present time any honorably discharged veteran, who has been a resident of Michigan for five years next preceding the date of his application for admission is eligible for membership in the Home. The general government gives the state one hundred dollars for each comrade living at the Home for the period of one year, this amounted for the year ending June 30th, 1910, to the sum of \$94,495.25. The average cost of support per member was \$161.30, as the federal government paid \$100.00 of the cost, the state paid the remaining \$61.30 for each inmate. Seventy-one of the soldiers receive no pension; a large per cent receive \$12.00 per month and some receive as high as \$30.00 per month. Of the women, two are mothers of comrades, ninety are widows and seventy-eight are wives. Sixty-seven of the wives have husbands living at the Home, and no husband and wife are allowed to room together. The following is the consolidated report of the Home on the 31st day of December, 1910:

Number of men on duty.....	921
Number of men sick in hospital.....	157
Number of men absent with leave.....	243
Number of men absent without leave.....	23

Total of men.....	1,344
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The number of women on duty.....	106
The number of women in hospital.....	37
The number of women absent with leave.....	38

Total women.....	181
Grand Total.....	1,525

The number of men sent to the Michigan Asylum as insane for the past two years is seventeen and of women six.

In a very few years our Soldiers' Home will be little more than an infirmary.

I might add a few words regarding pensions, that might be of interest to the comrades: At the close of the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1909, the number of surviving soldiers and sailors of the Civil War on the pension rolls was 593,961, and the number on the rolls on June 30th, 1910, was 562,615, which is 31,346 less than the previous year. The number of veterans dropped from the pension rolls, by reason of death, for the year ending June 30th, 1909, was 32,831, and for the year ending June 30th, 1910, was 35,312, which is 2,481 more than the previous year, and making an average for the year of one death every fifteen minutes.

We are fast approaching the Arctic regions of our lives, and the sunset of our life's pilgrimage will soon be upon us, therefore, what we do for each other must be done quickly, and what the government is to do for us must be done soon.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

W. W. ROOT,

Medical Director of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan.

Department Commander: The Adjutant will read the names of the committee to which this report will be referred.

A Comrade: I move that the report be accepted and adopted as read, to save time. Seconded.

Motion put and carried.

Department Commander: The committee to visit the W. R. C. was read this morning and one of the committee has asked for information. The chairman of the committee has not reported. The Chairman of the Committee is G. B. Howard, Post 137. I will add to that Comrade Wilbur Lawton. We will hear the report of Patriotic Instructor, M. C. Barney.

REPORT OF PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General:

Dear Comrade: In making my third report I wish to say I have not had as many reports as last year. I think there was never more seed sown by the Grand Army for patriotism than in the years of 1910 and 1911. 71 Post Patriotic Instructors have reported as follows:

Schools visited, 609.

Cost of carrying on the work, \$312.50.

Flags furnished, 5,590.

Patriotic days are generally observed.

Teachers of all schools show a good interest in patriotic days.

There seems to be a great lack of interest by the comrades in visiting schools.

Lincoln's Gettysburg address has been placed in 55 schools.

Lincoln's Gettysburg address has been given on cards with Lincoln's picture to 2,900 pupils in Port Huron, 3,000 in Saginaw, 4,000 in Flint.

I will give you a few extracts from some of the reports. Owosso says:

"How do you think we can do anything when our Head Officials are so neglectful?"

W. J. Adams, of Mason. "Greatly encouraged with the help of teachers and scholars. All turn out and help."

H. H. Miller, of Marshall. "The city gave us \$75.00 for patriotic purposes and 300 school children marched in parade and 1,000 Maccabees and Woodmen." I was invited by Comrade Miller, Patriotic Instructor, to come over to Marshall Feb. 22nd, which I did and had all the school children assemble including Catholic schools. The room was packed and I think I never stood before a more attentive audience. Then in the evening I spoke to the people of Marshall in the Congregational church which was well filled.

N. H. Hobs, Post No. 7, writes, he thinks there should be more interest taken by the officials.

Geo. W. Jenkins of Big Rapids. He is trying to form a brigade of 100, 50 boys and 50 girls to decorate graves. The girls get the flowers and the boys do the decorating.

Jas. G. Price from Bad Axe writes that he wanted to be authorized to do the work and would like instructions.

W. A. Rounds at Hart writes: "I am truant officer and that gives me a good chance to visit every school."

Comrade Cunningham of Billey Begole Post writes: "People generally feel interested in the old soldiers and are ready at all times to push the work."

Adrian: Patriotic songs sung every day in all of the rooms in the city. Teachers and scholars take great interest in these songs.

Dimondale: All our people take great interest in patriotic days; especially Memorial Day and all of the games have been cut out.

Kalamazoo: All teachers and scholars have been very much interested. From superintendent down to scholars, all take part in patriotic exercises.

Flat Rock: S. F. Smith says: "We don't know enough to carry out the work so we let it alone."

Eaton Rapids: The schools of two townships held a picnic together just before Memorial Day. Programme was patriotic and they had a grand time.

Traverse City: A highly gratifying interest had been manifested by teachers and pupils. The services rendered have been a great pleasure. Only regret that we cannot do more.

I say if comrades would give this work one half the time they give pedro or some other games they would be much better pleased with themselves and leave a record with the children that will be told in generations to come. You will remember in my last reports and this is the third will say Patriotic work should be done more thoroughly, but cannot be done without cost, and you should at least pay expenses. I repeat, this state should be divided into districts and more time given to the work. I have been in this work for the last fifteen years, have given the story of the war to 45,000 children. I will also say I think there is more demand for patriotic work in 1911 and 1912 than ever before.

I would say to patriotic instructors call on your school board to purchase flags for the children and in all cases let the children take them into their homes after the parade. I had no trouble at all in getting the school board of Flint to appropriate money for 3,500 flags which were carried by the school children in the parade Flag Day and in dedication of Hall of Fame.

And now as I close my work I wish to say to comrades, you make the mis-



M. C. BARNEY
Patriotic Instructor



GEORGE RAAB
Member C. of A.



O. PALMER
Judge Advocate

take of your lives if you fail to leave your war record with the children. I have always found children more ready to receive the story than comrades are to give it.

Respectfully submitted,
Yours in F. C. & L.
M. C. BARNEY,
Dept. Patriotic Instructor.

Comrade Ives, Post 441: I move the report be accepted and adopted.
Seconded.

Motion put and carried.

Comrade Ives: I move that the hour fixed for election of officers be made 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Seconded.

A Comrade: I move an amendment that it be at 10 o'clock in the morning.

Seconded.

Department Commander: The motion before the House is that the hour for the election of officers be set for 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. There is an amendment that has been supported that the hour be at 10 o'clock. Now, comrades, are you ready for the amendment, that when you meet tomorrow morning, the election of officers shall be at 10 o'clock?

A Comrade: I rise to a point of order. The motion for setting the hour at 9 o'clock had not been stated from the Chair, and could not be amended until it was stated by the Chair.

Department Commander: Then we will commence over again. Is the motion for 9 o'clock seconded?

A Comrade: I second the motion.

Department Commander: It is moved and supported that we elect officers tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Are you ready for the question?

A Comrade: I move an amendment thereto that we change it to 10 o'clock, in accordance with the general order of the Department Commander.

Seconded.

Department Commander: The amendment is that we proceed to elect officers at 10 o'clock, but let me correct one mistake, there is no order of the Department Commander. What appeared in that circular came from the Citizens' Committee. I told you a year ago that I would be your servant, and I have issued no order and I cannot, it is up to this Encampment to fix the order of business. The amendment is that we proceed to elect officers at 10 o'clock. Are you ready for the question?

Comrade Smith, Post 60: Now there are many of us that have got to get away from here about 11 o'clock in order to get home tomorrow and it looks to me as though this motion to put this back an hour means that some of us from the north and west would go home before the election. I think we should hold the election at 9 o'clock.

Amendment put and was lost.

Department Commander: Now the original motion is that we elect officers at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Are you ready for the question.

Motion carried.

The committee on the Commander's Report is ready to report. If you have no objection, the committee will now make their report.

Comrade Davy, Post 17, read report as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEPT. COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.

YPSILANTI, MICH., 1911.

Comrades of the Department of Michigan G. A. R. in Thirty-Third Annual Encampment Assembled:

Your committee to whom was referred the address of the Department Commander desire to offer the following report:

For the very earnest manner in the way he has performed his duties during his term of office now about to expire, we desire to tender our Commander our most hearty congratulations for the present condition of our finances, and the economy which has prevailed during his administration.

Your committee fully recognizing the decrease in membership by death are of the opinion that the most rigid economy should prevail in the future, and with that end in view would most earnestly concur in the recommendation of the Department Commander that the salary of the Assistant Adjutant General be hereafter \$800.00 per year, also that the sum of thirty-five dollars be appropriated for the purchase of a Past Department Commander's badge to be presented to our retiring Commander as a further token of our appreciation of his services during his term of office, and that D. C. Spears be appointed to procure said badge.

Signed:

THOMAS DAVEY,
D. C. SPEARS,
E. K. SIMONDS.

I move the adoption of the report. Seconded.

Comrade: I move as an amendment that the report as read be adopted with the exception of cutting the salary of our Assistant Adjutant General. We all realize the fact that he cannot afford to give his whole time as he has to to this office for that salary.

Comrade Davey: The Committee has taken all that into consideration and studied the situation thoroughly. You all know that the ranks of the Grand Army are being depleted every year. We of our Post alone only a few weeks ago buried six men in 9 days, and now, one more, I am told is dead today, which is eight in about two weeks. The finances of the Department must decrease as the members decrease. Now it is up to us to do business according to what we can afford, and I am thoroughly convinced myself that at least 50 men can be found in the Department of Michigan perfectly capable to do that work who will be willing to work for that amount. I am saying nothing against the present Assistant Adjutant General, I am not doing anything of that kind for he is a man who has performed his duty faithfully, but I do consider that in all its phases and as I said before we must do business according to our financial condition.

A Comrade: If we are going to economize, let us commence economizing on giving presents, I do not object to these presents whatever, understand me, I respect and admire our present Commander, and I am glad to know that his ability is recognized by the presentation of this badge, but if we have got to economize, economize in the proper shape.

Comrade Raab: I am not in favor of a cut in salary to this amount. If we must reduce the salary, let us reduce a small amount. You propose to

reduce the salary \$300. Now, it has been said that we can get 50 men in the Department to do that work. Possibly we can. But, Comrades, I have learned this in doing all kinds of public work, the cheapest man is the dearest man. If a man devotes all of his time to the office and is responsible for all the business that is done, you can afford to pay that man what he is worth and I will offer an amendment to that report that the salary be placed at \$1,000.

Seconded.

Department Commander: I was the man who made the recommendation, and therefore, have a right to defend it, and I am coming down on the floor where in a few hours I belong, where I went from. So far as I am concerned I don't care whether the Department allows me a cent for a badge. Curtail there, Comrades, if you wish, it won't hurt my feelings. I have had the honor and I am satisfied. But, comrades, the comrades are dying. I have received letters, over 50, from the different parts of this state asking me if I would make this recommendation, and I have answered them by saying I have no pledges to make, and I will do what I believe is right, and what is just for the rank and file of the Grand Army of the Republic. I admit \$800 is small, but how many of you that make it? And remember, comrades, I want to say to you that Comrade Wyckoff has made me an efficient officer, I don't know who will succeed him, but remember Comrades when the Adjutant of this Department goes to the National Encampment his railroad fare is all paid. He has had no expense, if he goes to any meeting of this Department, his expenses are paid when ordered by the Department Commander, so that he is under no expense, and I want to say that in the office at Lansing, one of the finest offices in the building, it is a palace,—I know, Comrades, who are capable, who are willing to do the work for \$800 with no reflection upon the present officer. I believe it is your duty and mine, when you are sent here as delegates and Past Commanders, to remember the poor cuss at home that can't hardly pay his per capita tax. (Cheers). I have tried to do my duty as your Department Commander, and I stand here defending my report as I have given it. It is up to you to accept or reject, but if it is rejected, for God's sake, don't ask the next Department Commander to make the report for your consideration.

Comrade Janes, Post 384: Comrades of this Department, I am somewhat surprised at my old friend, Sam Lawrence, a man who took up the musket after I had laid it down in the 4th Michigan regiment, to stand here and plead for a reduction of \$300 in salary when he has, as his report shows, not less than 500 less men on the roll than a year ago. If you are going to reduce the expenses in accordance with the death roll, do not reduce it so much at the first step. Now I do not believe in this policy of advocating that we old soldiers are all paupers. That we cannot pay the little small per capita tax to maintain the Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic. The headquarters of the Assistant Adjutant General must be located in Lansing. If some one else is elected or is appointed, it must be somebody in Lansing, and you will not get somebody out in the state to move to Lansing for \$800 a year for one year. (Cries of How do you know that?). I know there is none of you will dare to take a family and move them for one year only because it is subject to the appointment of each Department Commander who his Assistant Adjutant General will be. I say, Comrades, be fair. A man that occupies that position in Lansing has got to devote his time and attention to that, and he must buy all the necessities of life to support himself and his family. Be just and let us be reasonable

and pay reasonable compensation to those whom we ask to do work for us. Let Michigan stand with the National Encampment as being one of the best and having one of the best records of any Department in the national body. If we are going to reduce this salary make it \$1,000, do not cut \$300 but simply cut \$100 if you are bound to cut.

Comrade Peet, Post 101: It seems to me that the speaker advocating that this salary be retained or cut not less than \$100 does not know the condition of the members of the Grand Army outside of where they live. Gentlemen, I come from the rural districts, I know something about it, I know of men that are capable of holding any position that may be given to them at the hands of the Commander of his Post, or at the hands of the Department, and I know that they are not earning \$300 besides their pension. I know, gentlemen, of a dozen men, yes, 25 men, that are just as capable as any man in Michigan that can fill that post that is filled by the Adjutant, and that will fill it for \$800 and his pension. Everybody gets a pension now. I know one man told me today and he is an office man and he said he would gladly take it for \$800. Does Comrade Wyckoff know he is going to be reappointed? He certainly does not know it? There may be some comrade appointed besides Comrade Wyckoff. I apprehend that there are very few people in this hall that are earning \$800 besides their pension. I apprehend that not 25 per cent are earning \$800. Now, then, take this right home, and hear what your Post members would say to you if you came home and told them that you had a chance to reduce this salary and did not do it. I think it is no more than just to the Department of Michigan to reduce this salary at this time, according to the recommendation of our Commander, and I hope that the amendment will not prevail, and that the Commander's report will be sustained.

Assistant Adjutant General: I want to beg the indulgence of the Department for just a few minutes because I am aware that you are not informed as to your own condition financially in the Department and that you are not informed as to what is really necessary in the performance of the duties of Assistant Adjutant General. Now I am not going to try to defend myself, but I want to give you enough figures to show you what is in my report which I would like to have read before this matter came up, and it is this: "With the fast decreasing membership it is a pleasure to note that the balance of our general fund has for the past 10 years been gradually on the increase. At the Twenty-Second Department Encampment, the Assistant Quartermaster General reported as follows:

Received from all sources.....	\$3,774.31
Disbursements.....	3,033.46
Balance on hand.....	<u>\$740.85</u>

This was just ten years ago. Today the reports to this Encampment as shown by the Assistant Quartermaster General is as follows:

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Balance on hand.....	<u>\$4,029.22</u>

This includes the Alger fund and the W. R. C. fund. The gain to our general fund during the past 10 years has been \$1,486.29. while the decrease in membership for the same period of time has been 5,730.

These are the facts as to your finances.

Comrade Ives: Of course this cannot be considered a personal matter because the Commander for the year to come has not yet selected his assistant Adjutant General. I am sure the Commander of this Department has had his ear to the ground. I am conscious that he has heard from all quarters of the state that we have been paying too much money to our Adjutant General and let us keep this in mind, too, comrades, any man appointed does not have to serve, he can decline so that after this when the new Commander is elected, whoever may be appointed who thinks that the salary is too small, he does not have to take it. I think there are several hundred in this room that would be glad to accept it.

Department Commander: Let me answer my esteemed friend, Comrade Janes. Yes, there has been a saving this year. I have not made a bill for a postage stamp. I paid my own fare to Atlantic City. I paid for the horse that I rode, and I want to tell you, comrades, that out of the Woman's Fund, the fund given by the Woman's Relief Corps to this Department, has paid a per capita tax I think, on 17 Posts. I do this because I believe that we should provide for a rainy day, and with strict economy, this money has been increasing, but the death rate is fast creeping upon us. I don't want to do as my comrade says, keep pace with the death rate, but I want to be a little ahead of the death rate because the dead pay nothing. Comrades, it is up to you, and as Comrade Ives has said, I want to repeat, I have had my ears to the ground and if the Comrades throughout the state could vote I believe there would be no question, but let me say to you again if you decide not to accept my report, for God's sake, don't harass the other man.

Senior Vice Commander: The report of this committee is that the report of the Commander be adopted and then there was an amendment made to that motion that instead of cutting it down to \$800 it should be cut to \$1,000.

A Comrade: There is just a few words I wish to say, and that is that we have an organization here that has been organized for years. Through our Assistant Adjutant Generals, we have never had a scandal connected with it. Business has always been up to the notch. They have been succeeded by our present Adjutant General, and we have found him the same good and faithful servant and why in anticipation of lightning coming and striking at some future time, we want to go to work and cut him \$300 at once, I cannot see the justice of that, can you? (Cries of No, no, no).

Department Commander: The motion recurs on the amendment to cut this salary to \$1,000 instead of down to \$800. All in favor of that motion manifest by saying, Aye. The result of the vote being in doubt, the Commander called for a rising vote, and declared the amendment lost.

The original motion being then put, that the report of the committee on the Commander's report be accepted, was carried and the report adopted.

Department Commander: There is a committee waiting at the door, and I will appoint Comrade Raab, Comrade Ives and Comrade Spaulding to escort the committee in.

A delegation from the Sons of Veterans was received.

Department Commander: Here is a delegation of our own flesh and blood, the boys who will represent you and I. Comrade Culp, representing the Division of the Sons of Veterans will now address you.

Comrade Culp: I want to say first that we Sons of Veterans are proud of our fathers. I have notice during the course of my life that nature often uses contrasts to emphasize things. You take it on a real dark night, and the stars appear brighter. You take it in the densest part of the marsh and where the muck is blackest, you find the whitest and purest pond lilies. You take at the birth of our nation, we not only had the patriot at Lexington and at Bunker Hill with his deeds of valor, but we had behind him in the dark background, a Tory, and he served his purpose in making the patriotism of our forefathers stand out more prominently. When you men were called to arms by Abraham Lincoln to defend the Union, when the flames of patriotism burst out at the north, we still had the contrast at home, we had the copperhead and the man who wanted to make money selling embalmed beef and like that, the copperhead only made your patriotism the more bright.

Now the point I want to make to you as a Son of a Veteran is that the Tory and the copperhead has his descendant as well as the patriot has his descendant and I want to say to you from observation in cities where I have been on Memorial Day and on Decoration Day, I found men who care more for selling a can of corn and making a 2 cent profit than they do cherishing the memory of the comrades that you hold dear. I want to say something more to you. I can remember as a boy how proud I was to go with my father on Memorial Day and Decoration Day. In those days the line of march was long. There were hundreds and thousands of men in line. In those days, your brothers gave you weight and they paid attention to you that they do not now. Michigan sent 91,000 men to that war. Some of you came back. You have got some that have got your blood in them and if you want Decoration Day and Memorial Day observed give your orders, to your sons and tell them to organize and get busy. I want to say to you that the position of the Sons of Veterans is this, that we are here in this state to obey your orders and the only criticism we have got of the G. A. R. is that you are awful poor in giving orders, and we want you to get busy. We want to get in line so that when the time comes, and this duty is turned over to us we will not only have the pleasure of performing it, but we will know how to perform it, and we will have an organization large enough so that when some 2x4 mayor in a half-baked town cuts the appropriation down in behalf of the G. A. R. we will kill him politically. Do you understand? Now all I want to say is this, we are making arrangements to push our organization in this state, and I want to ask in behalf of the Department, when we send our man around, they are going to go to the G. A. R. first and we want you to take hold and help him, and tell your sons to join and give the Sons of Veterans in your town your orders, you all know how, because you have been doing it for a long time individually. We want it from you collectively, and if you give the orders, we will obey them.

Department Commander: I want to introduce to you Comrade Dustin, who represents the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans.

Comrade Dustin: I am not entitled to the Comrade part of it, but I assure you that I am sorry I am not. But I believe I come just as near being entitled to it as any Son of a Veteran that has ever stood before you and talked to you, because I spent the last 13 months of the war with my father. He was on the Atlanta campaign, and in the march to the sea, and I was in Washington both days of the Grand Review and was not quite 15 years old when the regiment left Washington coming home. So you see I had a little experience, and I feel as I was just about as close to you as any other man

could be that was not entitled to wear that little bronze button. I was requested by the Commander-in-Chief of our order, Mr. Bolton, of Boston, who has been visiting Kansas with your Commander-in-Chief, he could not come here but had to go on east, I was told to convey to you the greetings of 30,000 loyal Sons of Veterans throughout the United States today, and I assure you that we hope to be able in another year, to double that number because I find all over where I have visited that the Sons of Veterans have waked up to the fact that they are needed and in the 60 Camps in the state of Illinois, they had entire charge of Memorial Day this year and the reports have come from the Grand Army that the work was well done. That is where they take their orders. I want to assure you that we are your sons and are willing to do anything that you want us to do. And we also appreciate the fact that this great Grand Army of the Republic of this nation has been the greatest patriotic body the world has ever seen. Ever since the war you have furnished the greatest statesman, you have furnished the greatest men in every walk of life. You have practically controlled for years the politics of this country, in so far that you saw that good men were nominated. Did any man ever see or ever hear of a Grand Army man that held a great, high position, that ever done anything wrong? (Cries of No, no). And they never will, and that is the reason every Son of a Veteran, when matters are brought to him and his duty explained to him, knows what he ought to do, and what he will do if he follows in your footsteps as far as being good citizens is concerned, and doing their duty towards you, and doing their duty towards the communities in which they reside. I will not take up any more of your time. I thank you for the privilege of speaking to you.

Comrade Janes: I want to say just one word to voice the sentiment of these Sons that have just spoken. In recent years I have begun to realize the importance of the organization of Sons of Veterans in other states; that they will take up the work of the Grand Army after it has passed away in the matter of Memorial exercises and of patriotism among the people, for it has just been said, who are nearer to us than our sons? The pension rolls show that on the 31st day of April last 535,000 survivors of the War of the Rebellion—the rate since January amounts to 3,500 a month, or over, 40,000 a year passing away. That army, at that same rate in 10 years, would be obliterated, and then who is to take our place? Let us encourage them, go to your homes and when they come there, give them your assistance and get the Sons that are grown now, no longer boys, to organize Camps, aid them and assist them, and let Michigan have its Camps of Sons of Veterans all over this state, that when 10 years may roll around, that they will be in the van observing Memorial Day among the people of this state.

Department Commander: I want to say that I am very sorry for one thing and that is that the ladies have been here in abundance, and they have got all our badges, and we have got none to give you, but you have our good will and our Godspeed.

Motion made and seconded that we take a recess to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Motion carried.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

Meeting called to order by the Department Commander.

PRAYER BY CHAPLAIN PUTNAM.

Divine and Ever-blessed God, our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for this day for this blessed assembly here of each other, in heart, in love, in unison and in harmony with the great business of our order. We invoke thy blessing, Divine Father, upon this occasion, for wisdom to guide us, for power to sustain us and for grace to guard us through every trial here on earth until the victory we shall gain at last through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, Amen.

Department Commander: I will call for the report of the Judge Advocate. He is not present. We will have the report of the Chief Mustering Officer. He is not present. The Adjutant General's report.

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
YPSILANTI, MICH., June 22, 1911.

Samuel J. Lawrence, Department Commander:

Comrade: In compliance with Rules and Regulations, I have the honor to submit for the consideration of this Department a detailed report of the transactions of the office of the Assistant Adjutant General during your administration.

MEMBERSHIP.

The reports sent to National Headquarters for the terms ending June 30th and December 31st, 1910, as consolidated from the semi-annual reports as sent in by the Posts of this Department, are as follows:

Summary of membership for term ending June 30, 1910.

	Posts.	Members.
Number in good standing, December 31st, 1909.....	311	9,854
Gains—		
Term ending June 30, 1910.	Posts.	Members.
By muster-in.....	158	
By transfer.....	70	
By re-instatement.....	112	
By re-instatement from delinquent reports.....	1	13
Total gain.....	1	353
Aggregate.....	312	10,207

Losses—	Posts.	Members.		
By death.....	283		
By honorable discharge.....	13		
By transfer.....	42		
By suspension.....	176		
			Posts.	Mem- bers.
Total loss.....				514
Number remaining in good standing end of first term			312	9,693

For term ending December 31st, 1910.

In good standing as per report of June 30th.....	312	9,693
Gains—	Posts.	Members.
By muster-in.....	.....	109
By transfer.....	.....	36
By re-instatement.....	.....	122
By re-instatement from delin- quent reports .....	.....	.....
Total gain.....		267
Aggregate.....	312	9,960

Losses—	Posts.	Members.		
By death.....	.....	263		
By honorable discharge.....	.....	9		
By transfer.....	.....	69		
By suspension.....	.....	216		
By dishonorable discharge.....	.....	.....
By delinquent reports.....	2	23		
By surrender of charter.....	1	8		
Total loss.....			3	588
Number remaining in good standing Dec. 31st, 1910			309	9,372

In this connection it may be of interest to make a statement of the membership of this Department during the past twenty years, in periods of five years. The Adjutant General's report of March 25th, 1890, showed a membership of 21,255. Report of June 6th, 1900, shows a membership of 15,102 a falling off in the ten years from 1890 to 1900 of 6,153.

The report of June 20, 1900, shows a membership of 15,102, while the present report shows a membership of 9,372, a decrease during the last ten years of 5,730. A total decrease since 1890 of 11,883; notwithstanding this large decrease in our membership we today have a large and enthusiastic membership.

For the year 1910 the total gains of membership from all sources has been 1 Post and 620 members.

The total losses for the same time has been 4 Posts and 1,102 members.

The loss by death during the year was 546, this is 6 less than one-half of our total loss.

Jacob G. Fry Post, No. 46, Ganges, reinstated from delinquent list.

Post 432, Marine City, and Post 442 of Rose City have been reported delinquent.

Milton Williams Post, No. 304, Clifford, surrendered Charter.

For the term ending June 30th, 1910, the per capita tax of 16 Posts with a membership of 230 was paid from the W. R. C. fund, the amount of per capita being \$28.80.

For the term ending Dec. 31st, 1910, the per capita tax was paid for 17 Posts with a membership of 239, the amount of per capita being \$29.75. Total amount of per capita paid during the year from the W. R. C. fund for weak Posts was \$58.55.

Since coming into possession of this fund it may be of interest to state the number of Posts that have been kept on the rolls by its use.

For the term ending December 31st, 1908, 8 Posts.

For the term ending June 30th, 1909, 9 Posts.

For the term ending December 31st, 1909, 10 Posts.

For the term ending June 30th, 1910, 16 Posts.

For the term ending December 31st, 1910, 17 Posts.

Of the Posts assisted, the per capita has been paid on ten Posts, once on three Posts twice, on six Posts three times, on four Posts four times and on two Posts five times.

It is a question how long a Post should be carried by this fund, I will say for the benefit of the Department that of the 17 Posts now being carried, ten of them have made no report for three terms and more.

On April 26, a new Post was mustered in at Mesick, Wexford County, with ten charter members. This does not appear in the report of gains and losses, but will appear in next report.

FINANCES.

The next of interest to our membership is the condition of our finances. I would respectfully report that the cash receipts coming into my hands during the year is as follows:

Per capita tax received from Posts, first term.....	\$1,184.74
Per capita tax from W. R. C. fund, 16 Posts, first term.....	28.80
Per capita tax received from Posts, second term.....	1,141.88
Per capita tax from W. R. C. fund, second term.....	29.75

Total received from per capita for the year.....	\$2,385.17
Received from the sale of supplies.....	237.36
Received from other sources (charter fees).....	10.00

Total coming into my hands for the year..... \$2,632.53
All of which has been turned over to the Assistant Quartermaster General, and for which I have his receipts.

This shows a falling off in receipts for per capita tax for the year of \$131.21.

The sale of supplies shows an increase over last year of \$14.04, while the increase receipts from other sources has been \$5.37.

As compared with last year, there has been a falling off of monies coming into my hands of \$96.69 for the year.

With a fast decreasing membership it is a pleasure to note that the balance in our general fund has for the past ten years been gradually on the increase.

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Includes the Alger fund and the W. R. C. fund. The gain to our general fund during the past ten years has been \$1,486.29, while the decrease in membership for the same period of time has been 5,730.

Nine General and two Special Orders have been issued by the Department.

LAWS.

The laws passed by the last legislature beneficial to the comrades will be published in the Journal of this Encampment.

I desire to call the attention of the members of this Encampment to Section 2 of Act No. 103, Public Acts of 1911, which reads as follows:

"The Commander of the Department of the Grand Army of the Republic shall annually report to the governor on or before the first day of June of each year such portions of the transactions of the Grand Army of the Republic as he may deem to be of interest to that organization and to the people of the state. Said report shall include the names of the deceased members within the year, date of death, the company, regiment and Post of which he was a member."

You will note that this clause calls for name, regiment and company, also date of death. Many reports coming in fail to give the names of comrades who have died, others give the name but fail to give the regiment and company, and many more fail to give date of death.

It is evident that if this law is to be complied with, that Post Adjutants and Quartermasters must exercise more care in keeping the records and making the reports. This law entails more work upon the office of the Assistant Adjutant General, so the more complete your reports the easier will be the work. I am not complaining, but speak of this additional work hoping that it may result in the reports being more carefully prepared. I desire to call your attention to this one thing, the law requires the report of all deaths of members of the G. A. R. but not of those outside the order.

Members dying who are on the suspended list should be reported, but reported as *dying from suspended list*.

JOURNALS.

In December last, I received from National Headquarters 30 copies of the Journal of the Forty-Fourth National Encampment, these have been sent out as called for, a few copies are left and will be distributed at this Encampment.

The Journal of the Thirty-Second Department Encampment was received from the state printers in December, a copy was mailed to each Post Commander and Department Officers, copies were also distributed to members

of the legislature, about one hundred and fifty copies remain on hand and are being distributed at this Encampment.

The Council of Administration has held two meetings and the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration have also held two meetings, the proceedings of these meetings will appear in the Journal of this Encampment.

REPORTS.

I have so often called the attention of Posts to the desire for prompt and early reports, that I would not touch upon this subject only that the time is so short between this Encampment and the time when our reports should be in the hands of the National Department.

Reports from this Department are called for by July 20th, less than a month, some Post officers delay reporting until after our reports are due at National Headquarters. When written to, the reply is, we have not received blanks. There may be times when blanks may not have been received, but one thing is certain, they have all been sent and sent on time to the Adjutant of the Post, unless requested to send to some other officer. Sometimes there is a change in the office of Commander, Adjutant or Quartermaster, I am not notified, and General Orders and correspondence continues to be sent to the officer on my list. Soon I get a letter calling my attention to the fact that General Orders and blanks have not been received and the Assistant Adjutant General gets the blame. Many of these annoyances could be avoided by care in notifying the Adjutant General promptly of any change in officers or postoffice address.

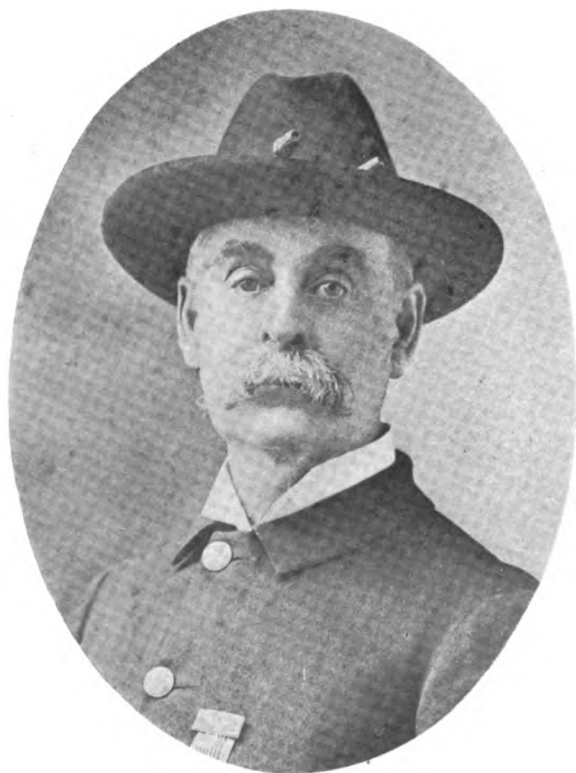
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I regret to say that nearly one Post out of every six has failed to send in their credentials. The credentials committee have no authority to issue badges to any one whose name is not properly certified to by the officers of his Post as duly elected or as a Past Post Commander. For several years not an Encampment has passed but comrades have applied to the committee claiming to be entitled to a seat in the Encampment, when there was not a credential nor a scratch of a pen to show they were entitled to such privileges, and the credential committee have been compelled to refuse to give them the delegate's badge. Much trouble of this kind can easily be avoided if credentials and all reports are promptly made out and forwarded to Department Headquarters.

I do not want you to think that at Headquarters all are infallible, we are of course but men—old comrades at that—and so are liable now and then to make a mistake, but we are trying to do our best to serve you promptly and efficiently.

In conclusion let me say that the office of Assistant Adjutant General, while entailing much labor on the occupant, has its corresponding pleasures by bringing one into close relation with earnest and loyal comrades throughout the Department.

To you, Commander Lawrence, I desire to express my appreciation of your confidence and esteem. I have endeavored to serve you and the Department to the best of my ability. Our relations have been of the most pleasant character and I shall always cherish them.



FAYETTE WYCKOFF
Assistant Adjutant General

To the officers and comrades of the Department, I wish to express my thanks for their expressions of kindness during the past year.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,
FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Assistant Adjutant General.

It was moved and seconded that the report be accepted and adopted.

Department Commander: I think it is best to refer this report to a committee, and I will appoint the following committee: Comrade F. R. Chase, Post 126; A. D. Welling, Post 48; H. A. Chapin, Post 31. You will take this report and report on it. I am satisfied it is all right, but out of respect to our Adjutant General, it should be reported to a regular committee.

Comrade Raab: I move that the poem that was read last night be spread upon the record of this Encampment, the poem that was read by the Department Commander. Seconded.

Motion put and carried.

(The poem is printed in the proceedings of the camp-fire).

Comrade Simpson, Post 32: I see that our venerable and highly esteemed Chaplain is physically able to be with us today, for which we all rejoice. I move you, sir, that our Chaplain be presented by this Encampment, with a bouquet of flowers, or some suitable memento which the Encampment may decide upon, in recognition of the esteem in which we hold him. A handful of roses in your hand is worth a hundred on your casket. Motion seconded.

The Department Commander put the motion and it carried unanimously.

Department Commander: I will appoint Comrade Simpson, Post 32, to go out and buy the roses.

Comrade Snyder: I desire to make a brief report of the special committee on legislation for Soldiers' Record Index.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SOLDIERS' RECORD INDEX.

LANSING, MICH., June 21, 1911.

Department Commander:

Your special Legislative Committee on General Index for Michigan Soldiers' Records, charged with procuring favorable legislation for said general index, and the distribution of the remaining records in library sets to the public school libraries of this state, for the convenient reference of the public at large, would herewith report, that owing largely to the protracted and severe illness of the chairman, the committee was not fully organized for action, until the session of the legislature was more than half over. A memorial to the governor and the legislature, fully covering and explaining the subject, and a bill covering the remedy sought by this Department, was then introduced and submitted to both Houses of the legislature, in the House by Rep. Russell of St. Joseph county, and in the Senate by Senator Taylor of Kalamazoo county, on March 15 and 21 respectively. A printed copy of said memorial and bill is herewith appended. About this time the governor publicly announced to the legislature his fixed determination to veto all appropriations beyond those absolutely necessary for present running ex-

penses of the state government, in order to wipe out the million dollar deficit of the state at this session. The great rush for hearings before the all powerful Ways and Means Committee of the House, in favor of appropriations for the various state institutions had already commenced and a hearing for any other purposes was absolutely refused as useless by this influential Committee, so that both Senator Taylor and Rep. Russell were unable to secure dates for a hearing of your committee, so that your chairman found it useless to assemble his committee at the capitol for conference, and very reluctantly abandoned further effort at this session.

Your committee therefore recommend that it be continued on this work until a successful issue is obtained from the governor and legislature, and that all Michigan G. A. R. comrades be requested to aid this committee in every practicable way, in favor of the subject outlined in the accompanying memorial.

All of which is respectfully submitted to this Encampment for its favorable consideration and support.

FREDERICK SCHNEIDER, Post 42.

H. C. RANKIN, Post 180.

ROBT. C. BLAIR, Post 382.

THOS. F. PAYNE, Post 17.

GEO. H. TURNER, Post 109.

I move the report be accepted and adopted. Seconded.

Motion put and carried.

Mr. Russell presented

Petition No. 454.

Memorial of the Grand Army of the Republic of Michigan relative to the appropriation for indexing the records of soldiers and sailors.

Mr. Russell moved that the memorial be spread upon the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

The following is the memorial:

We, the undersigned, a duly appointed and accredited legislative committee of the G. A. R., Department of Michigan, would most respectfully represent to your honorable bodies in behalf of the said Order, as briefly as possible, the very unsatisfactory execution of the soldiers' and sailors' record law, officially known as Act 147 of the Public Acts of 1903, with special reference to the wilful default by the Adjutant General's department in the publication of the general alphabetical index for public library sets, for the convenient reference of the public provided for in said law, also to the illegal charging out into the general fund of the state of the unexpended balance of the appropriation provided for in said act, which was enacted under the auspices and at the earnest request of this department of the G. A. R., by resolution unanimously adopted by the G. A. R. encampment held at Pontiac, Michigan, on June 11th and 12th, 1902. (See also House Journal of January 29, No. 59, pages 188 to 191.) And we most earnestly urge the early enactment of an accompanying bill, which is designed to supplement the above law, and remedy the default of its final execution.

In explanation of the foregoing, we would briefly state, that the administration of the late Governor Bliss, promptly, when the said law became effective, directed the Adjutant General's department to commence the preparation and compiling of soldiers' and sailors' individual records in compliance and in accordance with said law; and the then Assistant Adjutant

General, Col. George H. Turner, a distinguished civil war veteran of the 9th Michigan Cavalry and an experienced publisher and printer, was put in charge of the work. Col. Turner rapidly organized and pushed on the work until it was almost completed, when he was appointed Commandant of the Michigan Soldiers' Home, and was at once obliged to abandon the work on the records to his successor in office, Col. James Cox of Calumet, a civil war veteran of Massachusetts and an attache of the Calumet and Hecla Mining Co., who undertook to complete the work. The manuscript work on the records and general index and copy for the printers, had then almost been completed on the 46 volumes—one volume to each class or regimental organization, and as many volumes to each class or regimental organization in proportion to its total enrollment as provided for in said law, in all about 46,000 volumes—had already been printed and published under the direction of the Board of State Auditors, and had been partially distributed by the Adjutant General's department to such surviving veterans of the civil war as had applied, but the work on the general alphabetical index for public library sets, for the convenient reference of the public, on which the manuscript work had been almost completed before Col. Turner left, was now arbitrarily suspended by his successor, and the unexpended balance of the appropriation for said work, amounting to \$2,789.64, was without due authority charged out into the general fund of the state, thus making it unavailable for the purpose intended by the said law without reappropriation, against the united protest of the G. A. R. Legislative Committee, which then consisted of ex-representative Charles E. Foote of Kalamazoo; Col. Frederick Schneider of Lansing, and ex-Lieut. Governor Alfred Milnes of Coldwater. This action of the Adjutant General's department, was in plain violation of the explicit mandates of the aforesaid law, which gave the department no discretion in the matter whatever, but directed it to a faithful execution of the law. The aforesaid Legislative Committee promptly filed its written protest with Governor Warner, in October, 1905, and were promised an investigation and a hearing on the matter, but did not get any such action until June 6, 1907, when we were informed that the balance of the appropriation had been charged out as stated above. On conferring with Governor Warner as to what to do under the circumstances, he suggested that a new appropriation bill be drawn by the Attorney General's department, if in the opinion of that department the amount thus illegally charged out could not be charged back to the credit of the original appropriation. Attorney General Bird decided that it could not be legally done, that a new appropriation would be necessary to cover the purpose in view. So following out the suggestion of the Governor, new estimates were made by the Board of State Auditors, Adjutant General, and the shipping department of the Secretary of State. It was found that the original appropriation had made no provision for the shipment of library sets of 46 volumes to each set. Also that the original estimate of only two hundred General Alphabetical Index volumes for library sets was about two hundred short for the remaining books uncalled for and now on hand, available for public library sets. So as to get the remaining books at once before the general public for the future reference of the posterity of civil war veterans, the present estimates were made on a basis of four hundred general index volumes, as follows:

By the Board of State Auditors for 400 copies of general alphabetical index of 700 pages each, for composition, press work, paper and binding.....	\$2,000 00
By the Adjutant General for clerical work in Adjutant General's department, compiling, proof reading in completion of general alphabetical index in accordance with the requirements of Act 147, P. A. 1903.....	1,000 00
By Secretary of State for shipping charges, boxing, blanks and postage to ship 400 library sets to public libraries that may be designated and approved by the Governor.....	466 00
Total.....	<hr/> \$3,466 00

Your memorialists would further direct your attention to the following facts and present conditions relating to this subject: The generation that has come after the veteran of the great civil war is fast reaching middle life, and is showing an increasing interest in the history of that great crucial struggle for the preservation of the National Union, and incidentally in the part their fathers took in that historic epoch. The old Michigan veteran of the civil war is now frequently asked by his children and friends: Where can I find the compiled official particulars of your military record in the civil war? Alas, he is now compelled to answer that all Michigan soldiers' and sailors' official military records were published by the state for public reference in public library sets, in forty-six volumes to each set, that such records are now locked up in the state warehouse at Lansing, because the state has failed to provide a general index to them and to make a sufficient appropriation to ship them to such libraries, where the public at large could have free access to them for convenient and intelligent reference. For all practicable convenience of reference and accessibility, or inspiration and instruction to our posterity, these volumes of our civil war records might as well be at the bottom of the sea. Without a general alphabetical index, as provided for in Act 147 P. A. 1903, the four hundred library sets consisting of forty-six volumes to each set, would not be available to the general public for reference, for the reason that not over one per cent of the Michigan public, who may desire information as to the military record of some relatives or friends, knows definitely in what branch of the service or organization they served, and a general alphabetical index of the entire edition to go with each library set of forty-six volumes is therefore absolutely required for the intelligent reference of the public at large. We also desire in conjunction with the State Librarian, to submit a list of state, school and public libraries subject to the Governor's approval, to which such library sets are to be shipped by the Secretary of State, as soon as the general index herewith proposed is completed. That all the volumes of the Soldiers' and Sailors' record then on hand and in the custody of the Adjutant General's department, be turned over to the Secretary of State for such shipment. That the Adjutant General's department be directed to furnish without further delay all manuscript necessary for the full and proper completion of said general alphabetical index volumes, as originally provided for in said Act 147, P. A. 1903, to the Board of State Auditors for printing and binding. Also to provide for necessary proof reading.

In conclusion, we most urgently appeal to your honorable bodies for early action on the proposed bill to reappropriate the small balance of which the Soldiers' and Sailors' Record Fund was so unjustly deprived, and provide

for the early shipment of all remaining volumes in sets to the school and public libraries that may be designated by approval of the Governor, where the entire public in the greatest degree can readily have convenient access to the entire edition.

We beg to file with the Clerk of the House of Representatives our duly certified credentials as the duly appointed representatives of the G. A. R. of Michigan, specially charged with the promotion of the subject matter presented in this memorial.

All of which is respectfully submitted to your early and favorable consideration.

FREDERICK SCHNEIDER,
Of Post 42, Lansing, Late Col. Second Mich. Inf.
HENRY C. RANKIN,
Of Post 180, Ypsilanti, Ninth Mich. Inf.
ROBERT C. BLAIR,
Of Post 382, Lake Odessa, of 16th Pa. Cav.
T. F. PAYNE,
Of Post 17, Detroit, of 135 Ill. Inf.
GEO. H. TURNER,
Of Post 109, Coldwater, Late Capt. 9th Mich. Cav.

The following are the credentials referred to in the memorial:

To the Governor, Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan:

Greeting:—It is herewith certified, that the following comrades of this order, were duly appointed a Special Legislative Committee from this department of G. A. R., especially charged with the promotion of legislation in the matter of a general alphabetical index for the public library sets, of Michigan Soldiers' and Sailors' Records, published under Act 147 of the Public Acts of 1903:

Frederick Schneider, Post 42 Lansing, late Colonel Second Michigan Infantry.

Henry C. Rankin, Post 180 Ypsilanti, of Ninth Michigan Infantry.

R. C. Blair, Post 382 Lake Odessa, of Sixteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry.

T. F. Payne, Post 17 Detroit, of 135 Illinois Infantry.

Geo. H. Turner, Post 109 Coldwater, late Capt. 9th Mich. Cavalry.

Whose petition to your honorable bodies for appropriate legislation on the above stated subject, I earnestly commend to your, most favorable consideration.

Attest:
FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Assistant Adjutant General.
Department of Michigan, G. A. R.

SAMUEL J. LAWRENCE,
Department Commander.

The memorial together with the accompanying credentials were referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Russell introduced
House bill No. 460, entitled

A bill providing for the publication and distribution of four hundred copies of a general alphabetical index, of the individual military records of

Michigan soldiers and sailors of the Civil War of 1861 to 1865, as published under Act No. 147 of the Public Acts of 1903, and to distribute the remaining number of such volumes on hand, in library sets, to such public school libraries of this state or other public libraries as the Governor shall approve, and to make an appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1912, therefor, and to provide a tax to meet the same.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Taylor introduced

Senate bill No. 341.

Providing for the publication and distribution of four hundred copies of a general alphabetical index of the individual military records of Michigan soldiers and sailors of the civil war of 1861 to 1865, as published under Act No. 147 of the Public Acts of 1903, and to distribute the remaining number of such volumes on hand, in library sets, to such public school libraries of this State or other public libraries as the Governor shall approve, and to make an appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1912, therefor, and to provide a tax to meet the same.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

SECTION 1. Four hundred copies of a general alphabetical index of the forty-six volume sets of the military records of the Michigan soldiers and sailors of the civil war, as contemplated and intended by section 1 of Act No. 147 of the Public Acts of 1903, shall be published and distributed as soon after the passage of this act as practicable. Each copy of such index, shall contain all the names in alphabetical order of all Michigan soldiers and sailors whose individual military records are mentioned in the different volumes of such library sets constituting the entire edition of such records, showing in what organization, page and volume, each name in the aforesaid edition may be found, for the convenient reference of the public in library sets. For this purpose the Adjutant General is authorized and directed to employ competent and experienced extra clerical assistance, and to procure such blanks and stationery as may be necessary in the preparation and compilation of manuscript for the printer, comparing, revising and proof-reading necessary to secure historical and typographical accuracy, and the early completion of such manuscript for printing.

SEC. 2. So soon as the work of preparation and compilation of the manuscript for said general alphabetical index shall have progressed sufficiently near completion to enable printers and binders to make accurate estimates of the cost of publication, the Adjutant General shall file a written notification of the fact with the Board of State Auditors, and upon receiving such notification at the earliest practicable moment, the Board of State Auditors is hereby empowered and directed to contract with the State printers and binders or such other competent and responsible firm of printers and binders, as will in the judgment of the Board of State Auditors, secure for the State the most prompt, economical and best execution of the work within the specified time. Such contract shall provide for the printing, binding and delivery to said board within a definitely specified time, of four hundred copies of the said general alphabetical index, in accordance with the requirements of section 1 of this act, and the standard of excellence in quality of material, style and finish of binding, typography and style of printing, shall be equal to that used in the soldiers and sailors records provided for in sec-

tion 3 of Act No. 147 of the Public Acts of 1903, and that the printers' proofs before the final printing of this work, shall be submitted to the Adjutant General's department for such corrections or revisions as may be found necessary after careful examination. After the completion and delivery of general indexes to the Secretary of State, all volumes of soldiers and sailors records published under the provisions of aforesaid Act No. 147 of the Public Acts of 1903 then on hand, and in the custody of the Adjutant General's department, shall then be transferred to the Secretary of State, to be assorted and made up into library sets as far as they will go, for shipment to libraries as provided for in this act.

SEC. 3. A representative of, and designated by the department Commander of the Michigan Grand Army of the Republic, in conjunction with the State Librarian, shall constitute an advisory committee to the Governor for the preparation of a list of public school libraries in this State, and other public libraries, where, in its best judgment, the completed library sets of soldiers and sailors records provided for in this act, will in the greatest degree be best preserved against loss and destruction, and be most accessible to the greatest number of the public for future reference. Such list after receiving the written approval of the Governor endorsed thereon, shall be filed with the Secretary of State, who shall as soon thereafter as practicable, direct the shipment and delivery of all the aforesaid library sets to the recipients designated in said list.

SEC. 4. There is hereby appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1912, to carry out the provisions of this act, the sum of three thousand four hundred and sixty-six dollars, by purposes and amounts as follows: For extra clerical work in Adjutant General's department, in compiling, arranging in alphabetical order, and proof-reading of printers and binders proofs of said general index, one thousand dollars; for printing, binding and delivery of completed volumes to Secretary of State at the capitol, of four hundred copies of said general alphabetical index, nineteen hundred and twenty-five dollars; for sufficient suitable paper for the printing of said indexes, which paper shall be furnished by the Board of State Auditors for this purpose, seventy-five dollars; for shipping charges, boxes, blanks and postage to ship such completed sets of soldiers and sailors records with general alphabetical index, to such public libraries that may be designated and approved by the Governor, four hundred and sixty-six dollars: Provided, That the Auditor General shall not audit vouchers on the certificate of the Adjutant General or the Board of State Auditors or Secretary of State for payment for either of the above purposes to an amount exceeding the total of the sum appropriated by this act for such purposes.

SEC. 5. The Auditor General shall add to and incorporate in the State tax for the year 1911, the sum of three thousand four hundred and sixty-six dollars, which, when collected, shall be credited to the general fund to reimburse the same for the money hereby appropriated.

Comrade Levi S. Warren, Post 210: I have a resolution. *Resolved*, That this Department extend to and sincerely thank the organization of the Boy Scouts of this city for their splendid care and protection of our boys while here, and we wish to commend to all cities this kind of organizations and we hope that other towns may be found to have such earnest and able assistants as this organization has in Dr. R. H. Schurzer and D. L. Quirk, Jr. I move the adoption of the resolution, and that the same be published in the public press. Seconded.

Motion prevailed.

Comrade Chase, Post 126: Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Assistant Adjutant General, report that they approve the same and move the adoption of the report as read. Seconded.

Motion put and carried unanimously, and it was so ordered.

Department Commander: Comrades, I believe that you set the hour at 9 o'clock, for the election. What will you do? If some one will make a motion instructing the Chair to appoint the tellers, it will be accepted.

Motion made and seconded that three tellers be named.

Motion made and seconded to amend the motion by naming five tellers instead of three. which amendment carried, and the following tellers were appointed: Comrade Kinney, Post 42; Comrade Converse, Post 38; Comrade Dixon, Post 17; Comrade Hall, Post 88; Comrade Warren, Post 210.

Department Commander: Those who are candidates, are you satisfied with the tellers? If there is any objection, make it now. I hear no objection. The tellers will come forward and collect the ballots when ready.

Comrade Cannon, Post 16: I move that the presentation of candidates be limited to 5 minutes. Seconded.

A motion was made to amend to 3 minutes. Seconded.

Department Commander: It has been moved and seconded that nominating speeches be limited to 5 minutes. It has been moved to amend, and seconded, that they be limited to three minutes. Are you ready for the question?

The amendment carried.

Comrade Dean: I move that the Adjutant General call the roll of congressional districts for the presentation of candidates. Seconded.

Motion put and carried.

Comrade Shattuck: Hasn't it been the custom in the past to swear the tellers?

Department Commander: These tellers are all honest men or I would not have picked them out.

(The Assistant Adjutant General then proceeded to call the roll of districts).

Comrade Payne, Post 17: Comrades, it is a hard name but not as hard as stone. I hail from one of the suburbs of this beautiful city and we have a candidate for this position. We all love this candidate but because we love him, I do not believe in slobbering all over him. The candidate I shall present is a man who has a war record that is unquestioned, distinguished for bravery; served in the army of the Potomac through all its campaigns, has three scars and wounds, a man who, at the close of the service entered into civil life and enjoys the distinction of never having received a censure or reprimand from a superior officer. Comrades, this candidate enters the field unpledged, untrammelled by any promise. If elected he will be your Commander, and will strive, in that position, as he has strived up every position he has occupied to serve his constituents who sent him there, and without making any further remarks, I have the honor and pleasure to present the name of John T. Spillane, the drummer boy of the Rappahannock.

The roll call then proceeded.

Comrade Rankin, Post 180: I rise here to name a man by request and not only by request but because I have seen something of the service he performed for us in the past. I was in the house of representatives last winter and this man was shoulder to shoulder with me, for every movement. He was with me working shoulder to shoulder, he was busy in the Senate and House

for three months, he was there every day, and I found him tried and true. He was born in the South but with every breath he drew, he drew in a love and admiration, and inspiration for the old flag. He went to the war when he was a boy of 12. He became an orderly and rode in the front everywhere, was my old colonel's orderly, as colonel of the sharpshooter's regiment. He was busy here and there, never shirking, and never thinking that there was any danger but his to do or die, never asking whence the command came, or whither it led him. When he came into civil life, he went into business in Lapeer where I knew him when I was superintendent of schools. I have known him for the past 27 years intimately. I know he became a success as a business man. He was auditor general of this state, and while he was there, he looked after the money of Michigan with such care that I don't know that there has been his equal since. And I am glad to know that once at least, there was a Grand Army man auditor general of this state. He is first a soldier, next a friend, and after that, a man.

A Voice: And next a democrat.

Comrade Rankin: Yes, and I am glad he is, so far as that is concerned.

Department Commander: Gentlemen, do not let politics get into this matter.

Comrade Rankin: My time is about up. I am not going to take one flower from the wreath of laurels that belong to the drummer boy of the Rappahannock, but there was another drummer boy, there are other counties besides Wayne. I want to say that five of the last 8 Commanders have been from Wayne county, and good as the drummer boy of the Rappahannock is, it is not a fair thing, and I present the name of George Stone of Lansing.

Department Commander: The Assistant Adjutant General will continue calling the roll of districts.

Comrade Gage, Post 38, Saginaw: Department Commander and Comrades: I had the honor, last year, at the Encampment at Holland, to present the name of a candidate for your consideration to those of you who were there present. I can add little in commendation of the gentleman whom I there had the honor of naming and to those who were not there, I desire to say that he is a man, who, as a boy 21 years old, enlisted in the old first Maine cavalry, and served with that regiment through the war as I understand his record, at least he was not absent from his command until the 24th of June, 1864, when he received a shot through the shoulder, and was taken a prisoner of war, a shot that disabled him for life, that is, it paralyzed his arm. After the war, he came to the city of Saginaw to live, and has been an honored citizen of that city ever since. If any man traduces his name in any way, you say for me it is false. I have known this man for 40 years, a sober, industrious, honorable man in every way, a man who has such a reputation in that community that he has been the treasurer of one of the largest institutions of that city for upwards of 30 years continuously, and still occupies that position. No man who was not a man of merit, who was not a sober, industrious citizen, can occupy such a position. His army record cannot be surpassed any where. A splendid soldier, an honorable citizen, and I say to you that Saginaw is entitled at this time, having had the candidate four times before, in succession, whom you did not nominate, I feel that Saginaw is entitled to consideration here. Another thing, my comrades, this comrade is no longer one of the young men. He is 71 years old, but splendidly equipped for this position. He has been a fraternity man ever since he has been in Saginaw, has presided over many organizations, understands thoroughly parliamentary rules, and I feel that the younger

men can wait. If you let this candidate pass along, and say it is well enough by and by, your time may not come, but where a man has such an honorable record in the civil war as this man has, I appeal to you to reward him by giving him this position. It has been stated that he has not time because of this splendid employment of his, to devote to the duties of this office, but let me say to you that at a personal sacrifice, he has given up to a considerable extent, the business which he has been carrying on for years, so that he might be in a position to do and perform well the duties of the office of Commander of this Department. I appeal to you in behalf of Riley L. Jones, of Saginaw.

The Assistant Adjutant General then proceeded to call the roll for seconding speeches.

Comrade Reed, Fairbanks Post 17: I want to second the nomination which was made for the first district. It has been said by somebody that this man has made promises, which are false. That statement is entirely false. Some one has said that on account of his position he had not time to attend to the duties properly, which is also false. He would never have entered into this race, because I know the man well, unless he realized the fact that it was a position that required lots of attention and time, and he is willing to give all the time that is required, and so far as his record is concerned there is no man in this convention that has a more glorious record than that man that has been placed in nomination from the first district. He went to the front before he was 15 years old, determined to go, so much so that he climbed into a boat going across the river, he was thrown out practically but he was determined to cross the river and was at the front continuously. I want to second the nomination of Comrade Spillane.

Comrade from 2d District: In seconding the nomination of Comrade Spillane, I wish to say that he started out as a kid at fourteen and his records from that time to this has been as clean as a piece of paper without any mark on against him. He has raised a family and married as good a woman for a wife as ever lived and an example of the family has been doing yeoman's work on the street and you have seen her and there are other girls. Some one has spoken about the location of this man. We don't care to elect a location, we want to elect a man. Now this man is a clean, straightforward, temperate man in every sense of the word and he will give you a straight, clean administration without any fetters on his shoulders.

Comrade Williams, Post 17: I rise to second the nomination of a candidate of good moral character, strict integrity and untiring industry, and I know that Comrade Spillane, if elected, when his office expires, you would say there was one elected who was faithful to his promise.

Comrade Gee, Post 10: I rise to second the nomination of Comrade Stone, because I knew Comrade Stone from the time he entered Camp Chandler, Kalamazoo, a boy about 13 years old until today, personally, not always right in the same town, but Comrade Stone and I have been personal friends and I take pleasure in seconding the nomination of Comrade Stone because from a boy he was a soldier from the bottom of his feet to the top of his head, never absent from the regiment two days at a time except once when we lay in the trenches on the bank of the Rappahannock in front of Petersburg. There was granted to each regiment of the Army of the Potomac one furlough to the man who held a meritorious record. George W. Stone drew that record and was away on that furlough, the only time he was absent you might say, from roll call during the whole three years he was in the service. I second the nomination of George W. Stone, a good citizen, not the best soldier, but just as good a soldier as ever wore the blue.

Comrade Higgins, Post 48: I rise to second the nomination of George W. Stone. As a comrade said, in presenting his name, there are other counties in Michigan besides Wayne, and there are other counties that are to be heard from. There were other counties that sent men to the front, and we all know up in Jackson county the record of George W. Stone. We know he stands by the old boys and we know in electing him Commander, we elect a man that will be a Commander of the Department of Michigan. No party, no section, but a general commander, and I heartily endorse his nomination.

Comrade Stevens, Post 32: I rise to support the nomination of Comrade Stone. I had the honor to belong to the same regiment and I can safely say that Calhoun county will support Comrade Stone to a delegate.

Comrade Smith, Post 60: I rise to second the nomination of Comrade Stone. We have no excuses to offer for Comrade Stone. He is in the right part of the state, he is the right man, and I am voting for him because my whole Post want me to, and because I want to.

Comrade Warren, Post 210: It was not my purpose to support the candidacy of any of the comrades whose names has been presented here today, but the comrade who last spoke pledged the entire Calhoun county delegation to Comrade Stone. I am a resident of Calhoun county, I have the honor to command Post No. 210, and I do not support Comrade Stone, and no person has a right to pledge me in this delegation or to pledge every vote from the Calhoun county delegation.

Comrade Clute, Post 166: In behalf of Colgrove Post I second the nomination of General Stone. Calhoun county is practically for Comrade Stone. I want to say, further, I was on the committee last winter, the legislative committee, and I want to say that when a man will do the work that Comrade Stone did on that committee—if you want a Commander that will do your work why Comrade Stone is there to do it, and he does do it.

Comrade Stevens, Post 32: I rise to acquit myself of any intention to make any statements that were wrong but I will say that Post 32 has 14 delegates right here in a bunch and they will support George W. Stone to a man.

Comrade Clute: The record of Comrade Stone has been given to you both as a soldier and in civil life. I don't need to go any further. I know that Comrade Stone spent his time last winter almost night and day in behalf of the soldiers.

Comrade Mayo, Post 166: We are here to choose a man to represent before the people of this great state this organization. We are not choosing a man on account of his military record, because every candidate has a good one. We do not question that. We must have a man who is qualified mentally and who has mental ability to represent this organization with credit. We have a man in nomination who stands in a position to do more with the people of the state of Michigan than any other comrade in the state, and has done more in the last 6 months than any other man in the state, and that man is George W. Stone.

Eli Strong, Post 79: I rise to second the nomination of J. T. Spillane, and I am not going to make you a long speech. He is a man that is qualified for the position.

Comrade Miner: I rise to support the nomination of George W. Stone.

Comrade Bellaire, Post 5: At a meeting of the 5th Congressional delegation last evening I was requested by the Congressional district to second the nomination of George W. Stone, the drummer boy of the 1st Michigan Sharpshooters, the regiment who planted the colors on the courthouse on the 3rd

day of April, 1865, and George W. Stone participated in that occurrence. I have known George W. Stone for 50 years, half a century. George, at the age of 13, doffed his little knee pants and took up his drum and we followed George through the whole Army of the Potomac until we were discharged. Look at his record as a soldier, look at his record as a citizen, look at his record as a Grand Army man. I have not seen a Department Commander in my Post for 17 years. I know George will visit my Post if he is elected.

Comrade Giles, Post 147: I rise to support the nomination of George W. Stone for Department Commander.

Comrade Cahill of Lansing: I have been instructed by a caucus of the 6th Congressional district to support the nomination of George W. Stone. I was going to say another word but I won't.

Comrade Ives: If George W. Stone is elected Commander he will take his grip sack and camp on your trail for the whole year.

Comrade from Post 437: I second the nomination of George W. Stone.

A Comrade: I move that the nominations close and we proceed to ballot. Seconded.

Comrade Dixon, Post 17: We have nothing against Comrade Stone, but I do not think you are giving a fair shake to Comrade Jones and Comrade Spillane, whose friends should have an opportunity to speak for them.

Department Commander: The motion was that nominating speeches close and we proceed to ballot.

Comrade Wilcox: I only wish to say that I rise to second the nomination of Comrade Jones, he has been a good soldier and a good citizen.

Department Commander: There is a question before the house. The question is that nominating speeches close and we proceed to ballot.

(Considerable discussion).

Comrade Cahill: I move, Mr. Chairman, to stop debate that the motion be laid on the table. Now I do that in the interest of fair play, and because I am here supporting George W. Stone. And because he, on behalf of every man, wants fair play in this convention. Motion seconded.

Motion put and carried.

Comrade Howe, Post 98: I have before me a picture of two men. Comrade Jones stood beside you as your brother at the last election and I want to see him have a fair show today. I say, Comrades, Comrade Jones is all right.

Comrade Richardson, Post 365: Let us help those who have helped us. Has any man done more for us than George W. Stone?

Comrade Anthony from 12th district: The 12th District unanimously favors George W. Stone.

Comrade from 190: I second the nomination of Riley L. Jones.

Comrade from 61: I rise to second the nomination of Riley L. Jones of Saginaw.

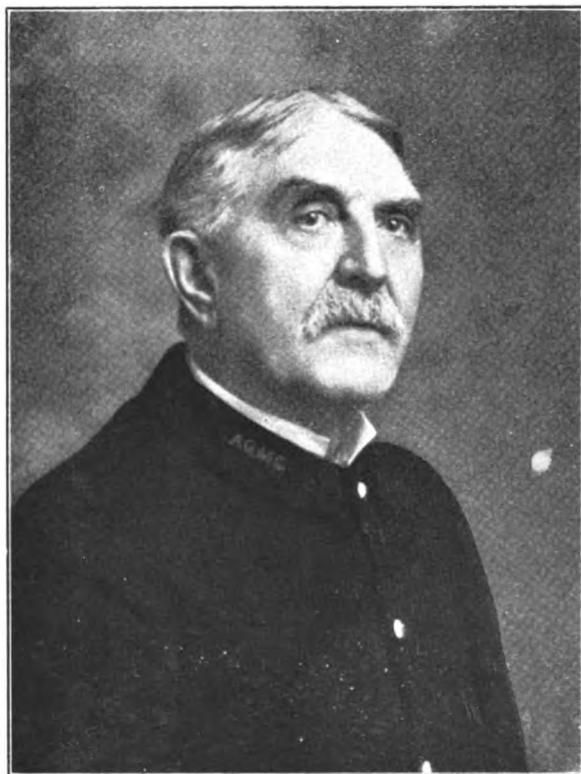
Comrade from 201: I rise to second the nomination of George W. Stone.

Comrade Branch: I rise to support the nomination of Riley L. Jones.

Comrade Berry, Post 278: I rise to second the nomination of George W. Stone.

Comrade Smith, Post 206: There is no other name mentioned in our part of the state but George W. Stone.

Department Commander: If you are all done making your seconding speeches, we will proceed to ballot. The tellers will receive the ballot. While the tellers are collecting the ballots and counting them, we will proceed with the regular business, and hear the Quartermaster's report.



E. K. STARKWEATHER
Asst. Q. M. General

REPORT OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

YPSILANTI, June 21, 1911.

Assistant Adjutant General:

Fayette Wyckoff and Comrades: I would respectfully report that the finances of the Department are as follows:

Received from Asst. Q. M. G., W. B. Bostock:

W. R. C. Fund.....	\$860.63
Alger Fund.....	1,000.00
General Fund.....	2,192.87
Voucher B.....	3.60

\$4,057.10

Received from A. A. G. Wyckoff.....	2,632.53
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Total receipts.....	\$6,689.63
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Per vouchers on General Fund.....	\$2,601.86
Per vouchers on W. R. C. Fund.....	58.55
Balance on hand.....	4,029.22
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	\$6,689.63

There will be due on funds deposited and drawing interest, which will be due July 26, \$138.

If this interest was available to draw upon, we would have a gain for the year of \$110.17.

I would advise that this fund on interest should remain on deposit, where it now is, so that this interest be not lost.

This report shows an increase in the General Fund of \$34.27 and a decrease in the W. R. C. Fund of \$58.55, leaving balance on hand in the several funds as follows:

Alger Fund.....	\$1,000.00
W. R. C. Fund.....	802.08
General Fund.....	2,227.14

Total.....	\$4,029.22
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Itemized account of disbursements will be given in the Journal of this Encampment.

Respectfully submitted,

E. K. STARKWEATHER,
Asst. Q. M. Gen., G. A. R.

Comrade Raab: I move the report of the Quartermaster General be accepted and adopted without reference. Seconded.

Motion put and carried.

**E. K. STARKWEATHER, ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, IN ACCOUNT WITH
THE DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN G. A. R.**

Date.	Receipts.	Amount.
1910		
July 26...	Received from W. B. Bostock, Past Asst. Q. M. Gen., as follows:	
	Alger Fund.....	\$1,000 00
	W. R. C. Fund.....	860 63
	General Fund.....	2,196 47
		\$4,057 10
July 26...	Received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen.—check.....	400 00
	Vouchers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.....	196 45
Aug. 9...	From Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen.—check.....	200 00
	Vouchers 6, 7, 8 and 9.....	56 00
Sept. 8...	Vouchers 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15.....	135 40
Dec. 18...	Vouchers 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27.....	139 03
1911		
Jan. 17...	From Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen.—check.....	250 00
	Vouchers 28 and 29.....	65 61
Jan. 28...	From Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen.—check.....	300 00
	Vouchers 30, 32, 33 and 34.....	132 31
Feb. 18...	From Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen.—check.....	100 00
	Vouchers 36, 37, 38, 39 and 40.....	213 85
Mar. 24...	From Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen.—check.....	100 00
	Vouchers 41, 42, 43, 44 and 45.....	130 62
Mar. 24...	From Fayette Wyckoff—check.....	10 25
May 17...	To take up vouchers No. 16, 31 and 35, not allowed.....	
	Received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen.—	
	Vouchers 46, 47 and 48.....	109 79
June 12...	From Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen.—	
	Vouchers 49, 50, 51, 52, 53 and 54.....	57 91
June 21...	From Fayette Wyckoff—check.....	35 31
	Total receipts.....	\$6,689 63

1910.	No. Voucher.	Disbursements.	Amount.
July 1...	1	Asst. Adjt. Gen., last half June salary	\$45 83
July 15...	2	Postage and P. O. box rent	15 34
July 15...	3	Asst. Adjt. Gen., first half July salary	45 84
July 15...	4	Col. D. R. Stewarts, Q. M. Gen., supplies	39 44
July 18...	5	Fred Carson, stenographer at Holland	50 00
July 21...	6	Office expense, express, drayage, freight, etc.	4 12
July 25...	A	W. H. McBryan, premium on bonds A. Q. M. G.	17 50
June 3...	B	O. J. Willson, expense on Credential Committee	3 60
July 30...	7	C. J. Strang, printing circular letters	1 00
July 30...	8	Asst. Adjt. Gen., last half July salary	45 83
Aug. 4...	9	Telephone rental and messages	5 05
Aug. 15...	10	Asst. Adjt. Gen., first half August salary	45 84
Aug. 16...	C	Per capita tax, first term, 1910, to National Department	169 63
Aug. 19...	11	Dyer, Jenison Barry Co., premiums on bond, A. A. G.	5 00
Aug. 31...	12	Annin & Co., cords, tassels, spear heads, etc.	11 63
Aug. 31...	13	Postage	23 25
Aug. 31...	14	Asst. Adjt. Gen., last half August salary	45 83
Sept. 7...	15	Express charges, sundry items	3 85
Sept. 13...	D	Asst. Adjt. Gen., first half September salary	45 84
Sept. 16...	17	C. J. Strang, printing letters and badges	3 50
Sept. 17...	E	R. R. fare, drum corps to Atlantic City	150 00
Sept. 23...	F	Hope Welch, services at Headquarters	12 00
Sept. 23...	G	D. C. Spears, services at Headquarters	12 00
Sept. 23...	H	Henry Spaulding, services at Headquarters	12 00
Sept. 23...	I	Hotel, Headquarters at Atlantic City	36 75
Sept. 27...	18	Asst. Adjt. Gen., expense to Atlantic City and Rochester	35 20
Sept. 27...	19	Placards, drayage and sundry expense at Atlantic City	11 05
Oct. 1...	J	Printing, Robert Smith Printing Co.	79 75
Sept. 30...	K	Asst. Adjt. Gen., last half September salary	45 83
Oct. 8...	L	Jos. K. Davison's Sons. { Past Dept. Commander's badge Dept. Badge, Atlantic City	35 00 37 50
Oct. 14...	20	J. W. Knapp & Co., ribbon for badges	9 48
Oct. 15...	M	Asst. Adjt. Gen., first half October salary	45 84
Oct. 26...	21	C. J. Strang, printing circular letters	1 50
Nov. 1...	N	Asst. Adjt. Gen., last half October salary	45 83
Nov. 9...	22	Postage and box rent	15 07
Nov. 15...	O	Asst. Adjt. Gen., first half November salary	45 84
Nov. 17...	23	Telegraph, telephone and express	4 01
Nov. 18...	24	Asst. Adjt. Gen., expense to Ypsilanti	3 48
Nov. 1...	25	Sam'l W. Burroughs, services of typewriter	5 00
Nov. 30...	26	Ina Stanton, reading proof, Journal	4 90
Dec. 1...	P	Asst. Adjt. Gen., last half November salary	45 83
Dec. 15...	27	Asst. Adjt. Gen., first half December salary	45 84
Dec. 22...	28	Postage	19 78
Dec. 31...	29	Asst. Adjt. Gen., last half December salary	45 83
1911.			
Jan. 13...	30	Postage stamps for Journals, etc.	27 84
Jan. 16...	32	Asst. Adjt. Gen., first half January salary	45 84
Jan. 17...	33	Supplies, Quartermaster Gen. Stewits	55 98
Jan. 17...	34	Crotty Bros., copy book and office supplies	2 65
Jan. 20...	Q	Asst. Quartermaster Gen., first half year's salary	26 00
Jan. 31...	36	Postage	11 84
Jan. 31...	37	Asst. Adjt. Gen., last half January salary	45 83
Feb. 7...	38	Robert Smith Printing Co., printing and supplies	60 09
Feb. 15...	39	Asst. Adjt. Gen., first half February salary	45 84
Feb. 16...	40	Wynkoop Hallenbeck Crawford Co., printing and supplies	50 25
Feb. 20...	41	Supplies from Quartermaster Gen. Stewits	29 90
Feb. 28...	42	Asst. Adjt. Gen., last half February salary	45 83
Feb. 28...	43	Telephone rental and express	5 05
Mar. 15...	44	Asst. Adjt. Gen., first half March salary	45 84
Mar. 20...	R	Per capita tax, second term, to National Department	164 01
Mar. 23...	45	H. A. Clute, expense, meeting Leg. Com. C of A.	4 00
Mar. 29...	T	R. B. Davis, attending meeting of Ex. Com. C of A.	7 25
Mar. 29...	U	M. D. Richardson, meeting of Ex. Com.	1 50
Mar. 29...	V	S. J. Lawrence, expense meeting of Ex. Com.	2 25
Mar. 29...	W	Geo. Raab, expense, meeting of Ex. Com.	5 00
Mar. 29...	X	E. K. Starkweather, meeting of Ex. Com.	3 53
Mar. 31...	46	Asst. Adjt. Gen., last half March salary	45 83
April 3...	Y	S. J. Lawrence, expense, postage, etc.	50 00
April 14...	47	Roycroft Printing Co., printing rosters, 1911	47 20
April 15...	Z	Asst. Adjt. Gen., first half April salary	45 84
April 29...	48	Postage and box rent	16 76
May 1...	A2	Asst. Adjt. Gen., last half April salary	45 83
May 16...	B2	Asst. Adjt. Gen., first half May salary	45 83
June 2...	C2	Asst. Adjt. Gen., last half May salary	45 83
April 18...	50	Dan J. Willson, engrossing resolutions D. B. K. Van Raalte	2 63
May 24...	51	Asst. Adjt. Gen., expense to Ypsilanti and return	3 28
June 10...	52	Postage	13 55

1910.	No. Voucher.	Disbursements.	Amount.
June 12...	53	C. J. Strang, labels for registration rack.....	\$3 75
June 12...	54	Telephone, express and freight.....	4 95
June 14...	D2	Wynkoop Hallenbeck Crawford Co., printing and supplies.....	18 25
June 14...	E2	Robert Smith Printing Co., printing and supplies.....	20 95
June 15...	F2	Asst. Adjt. Gen., first half June salary.....	45 83
June 20...	G2	Asst. Quartermaster Gen., last half year's salary.....	26 00
Total disbursements from General Fund.....			\$2,601 86
TABULATED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS.			
Per capita tax paid National Department.....			\$333 64
G. A. R. supplies.....			153 30
Expenses National Encampment Atlantic City including band.....			269 00
Postage and P. O. box rent.....			143 43
Meetings of Executive Committee.....			19 53
Printing General Orders and circulars.....			72 50
Stationery and office supplies including 10,000 4-colored letter heads.....			102 96
Telephone rental and messages.....			16 10
Mr. Carson, stenographer for Encampment at Holland.....			50 00
Judge Advocate, Burroughs Typewriter, copying opinions.....			5 00
Premium on bonds of A. Q. M., Gen. and A. A. Gen.....			22 50
Headquarters expenses at Holland.....			3 60
Headquarters expenses at Ypsilanti.....			6 76
Past Department Commander's badge.....			35 00
Department bronze and ribbon badges for National encampment			46 98
Half tone cut Past Department Commander.....			3 75
Printing Department Rosters, 1911.....			47 20
Office supplies, credential blanks, election returns, blank receipts, Q. M. blank bonds, etc.....			34 65
Sundry office expenses.....			33 96
Salary of Assistant Adjutant General.....			1,100 00
Salary of Assistant Q. M. General.....			52 00
Allowed to Department Commander.....			50 00
Total disbursements from General Fund.....			\$2,601 86
Disbursements from W. R. C. Fund—			
Paid per capita tax, 16 Posts, first term, 1910...		\$28 80	
Paid per capita tax, 17 Posts, second term, 1910..		29 75	
Total from W. R. C. Fund.....			58 55
Total disbursements.....			\$2,660 41

REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE.

Commander and Comrades: I have the honor, and the pleasure as well, to report that during the past year no question of vital importance has been given me for consideration, and but two of minor importance, which were based on the same facts, and it seemed evident to me from the letters submitted that some personal ill feeling had entered into the action, rather adherent to the Rules and Regulations of our order.

The question referred to me and upon which my decision was given May 5, 1911, is, briefly, can an officer of the Post be deposed by a resolution offered in the Post at a regular meeting and voted upon the same as any ordinary motion, no charges being preferred, and the officer having, therefore, no opportunity to be heard in his own defense.

It is my opinion, that such resolution and action is of no force, and absolutely void. That the only proceeding in such a case is to file specific

charges and serve a copy on the Comrade and proceed to trial by court martial.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

In F. C. and L.,

O. PALMER,

Judge Advocate G. A. R., Department of Mich.

Judge Advocate: My report to the Assistant General's office on this last matter was that the Post had no authority except by first filing charges serving upon the accused, organizing a court martial for trial, giving him full opportunity to be heard. This is respectfully submitted to the committee.

A Comrade: I move the adoption of the report. Seconded.

Motion put and carried.

A Comrade: I wish to make a motion in order to save time, that while the tellers are counting the ballot that we now proceed to the nomination of Senior Vice Commander.

Department Commander: Hold that motion for just a minute, and hear the report from the executive committee. You want to hear these reports, Comrades. We will now listen to the report of the executive committee, of the council of administration.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

YPSILANTI, MICH., June 21, 1911.

Comrade Samuel J. Lawrence,
Dept. of Mich. G. A. R.,
Northville, Mich.

Your executive committee of C. of A. beg leave to make the following report: We have examined the books of A. A. Gen. and A. Q. M. Gen. and find the same to be correct. We have checked the receipts and vouchers and find the books of the two officers balance.

We find:

The A. Q. M. Gen. received from former A. Q. M. Gen. Bostock..	\$4,057.10
Received from A. A. Gen.	2,632.53

Total receipts.....	\$6,689.63
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Disbursements for year.....	2,660.41
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Leaving a balance.....	\$4,029.22
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We find there will be due July 26, interest.....	138.00
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Total.....	\$4,167.22
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which will show a gain of \$110.12.

GEO. RAAB,
R. B. DAVIS,
M. D. RICHARDSON.

Comrade Raab: I move the adoption of this repor . Seconded.
Motion put and carried.

Comrade Raab: I have a supplemental report. (Reading).

Your committee would further report that the Encampment pay Comrade M. C. Barney, Department Patriotic Instructor, for postage and other expenses in connection with the office for the past three years, \$25.00.

We would further recommend there be some provision made by this Department to pay the Department Patriotic Instructor the necessary expenses when sent out by the Department Commander.

GEO. RAAB,
M. D. RICHARDSON.

I move it be adopted. Seconded.
Motion put and carried.

Department Commander: The president of the W. R. C., who has done yeoman's service for this Department is waiting at the door. I will appoint Comrade Lamb and Comrade Rankin to escort them in.

Comrade Rankin: I have the honor to bring to you the president of the Relief Corps, and the woman that manages you.

Department Commander: It gives me pleasure to introduce this noble and good woman who is the granddaughter of an old soldier. This woman, comrades, if I did not tell you, I would not be doing my duty, has been a tower of strength to me this year, and whoever the man may be who succeeds me, I hope will have as good a woman to help him as I have. This woman, to my knowledge, has gone to different villages and cities and when she has heard of a comrade who was unable to leave his home, she has gone to his bedside and counselled and given him encouragement; and this noble, grand woman comes here to wish you goodbye as the president of the Department W. R. C., until she shall meet you next year. I want to say this, that I love her, and my wife is here, too.

Mrs. Hall: This is the proudest moment in the 50 years of my life, that I have ever known. I never expected to be able to come before you in your convention but I assure you that I am happy at this time. I have always tried all my life since I was a small child—my mother instilled into my heart and mind the love for the soldier. Now I want to say to you that the 211 Corps of this Department with its 8,618 members, have labored zealously this year to do all they could for you that your days might be full of sunshine and happiness and as I go out of office and turn the cares and responsibilities of this great order in Michigan over to Mrs. Pierson, I want you to know that she is just as loyal to you as I have been, and I can say to you that the experience of this man, of the years of his life from '61 to '65 has been one of the greatest inspirations to me that any woman in this broad wide world ever had. He has been a tower of strength to me, and I could not close my remarks without—I speak about this man that has hid behind the piano, Comrade Rankin of Ypsilanti. I want to say, Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, this man has stood right under my right elbow, and when there wasn't anything I could think about, he has pushed me on to say something more. Now he and I have worked together, and I want to tell you I made three visits over to Ypsilanti to be sure that Comrade Rankin and I understood each other about how you should be entertained while you were here.

Department Commander: Last, but not least, I want to introduce to you the woman who is commander when I am home, my wife.

Mrs. Lawrence: I want to say to you comrades, he would try to make you believe this is a case where every one works but father, but I want to say to you that he is the hardest working one in the lot. I am not going to talk to you at all, I could not make a speech if I wanted to. This is the proudest moment of my life except it might have been when I heard that you had elected my husband Department Commander. I want to thank you for that and to say goodbye.

Mrs. Hall: I want to say just one word more. I would not have you think for one moment that I live in a city for 30 years and know that a man sits before me who was a resident of my city for years, that I stood shoulder to shoulder and worked with this man before he took his departure from our city to live over at the Capital City as Comrade Fayette Wyckoff, I want you to know that I personally know this man. I know his good qualities, I know what he has done for the Grand Army of the Republic, and for the Woman's Relief Corps, and it is a pleasure to me to tell you of my acquaintance with him for 20 years or more.

The ladies were escorted from the hall, amid applause.

Department Commander: The tellers are ready to report.

Chairman of Tellers: Total number of votes cast, 460, and they were cast for the following persons: Comrade Jones, 68; Comrade Spillane, 88; Comrade George W. Stone, 304.

Comrade Spillane: I move that it be made unanimous for Comrade Stone. Seconded.

Motion put and carried.

Department Commander: I will appoint Comrade Rankin, Comrade Gage, and Comrade Payne to escort the comrades to the platform.

Comrade Rankin: This is the new Commander. And he has saved a little money. He has no children, and he does not need to take it into the other world with him, and I hope he will spend it for the G. A. R.

Department Commander: I take pleasure in presenting to you your choice for the next Department Commander, Comrade Stone.

Comrade Stone: Comrades, my heart is almost in my throat. You cannot blame me when you know that I have been a Grand Army man 46 years, and there never was a minute that I was not working. I felt as though I would like to be honored from the state that I went from as a boy by the survivors of the 90 odd thousand comrades who enlisted in this state, with 15,000 that never returned, to be at the head of the Grand Army of the Republic of this state, and I say to you now, that I am prouder than I would be to be governor, and I want to say that I am eligible to be governor, but I never want another office as long as I live. I have been out of public life for 11 years, and I do not want anything but this, and I have got it, and I will try to visit the boys whenever they call me, if it is a possible thing. I have been doing it when I was not an officer of this Department. I have not made any promises and I will take the Grand Army of the Republic as my family, and I will come and see you and I will work with you, and I will do something for you. I want to say one word. Here is Comrade Spillane has been a friend of mine for years, and if he had not been a candidate against me, he would have been on the floor working for me. He would have worked as hard as anybody for me. We have been through this thing, and every one of us would rather be defeated than to have said one unkind word about the other. We are friends, and we would have been friends whoever was elected, and I want to pledge their support to my administration and I want to bring the old boys together, and make them feel as though there was

something to live for in the Grand Army of the Republic. I will not take your time any further, but I thank you again because you have made me the biggest man in America in my estimation.

Department Commander: I want to introduce to you, Captain Spillane, as he is known to us in Wayne county. I want to say to you if you had elected this man even if he is from Wayne county, you would have made no mistake. He has always been found ready and willing to help the Grand Army in his own community, and the day will come when he will head this Department.

Comrade Spillane: It would be the proudest thing could happen to me if I could be your Commander sometime in the future. I would like to be now, but I must say that you have made no mistake when you elected Comrade Stone. He is a good fellow, he will make you a good Commander, and he will have my support.

Department Commander: I have the pleasure of introducing to you one of the boys from the Saginaw Valley. I want to say to you that Comrade Jones and I were in the race before, and I won. and I want to say to you that I had no truer friend, no more interested comrade in the Department of Michigan than Comrade Riley Jones.

Comrade Jones: It is related that the great pulpit orator, Henry Ward Beecher, one morning in summer went up into his pulpit and to the great surprise of that large congregation, he explained, "It is damned hot." He afterwards explained that that was what he heard a man say just before he came into the church, and he drew some moral conclusions. Now, comrades, I adopt his statement, I make no explanations, and draw no morals. There is nothing left for me to say. You have said the last word, and I accept your conclusion, and am perfectly willing to do so, I assure you. I shall never be your Department Commander, but I want to say to you that from now on, as heretofore, you will find me standing by your Commander and by you, my comrades, shoulder to shoulder, as a Grand Army man, to strengthen its fraternity, to practice its charity, and to demonstrate its loyalty. I thank you.

Department Commander: We will now proceed to the election of the Senior Vice Commander.

Comrade Snyder, Post 42: It has been the custom to select the Senior Vice Commander from the Post entertaining the Department Encampment. Now, accepting that precedent, I want to ask unanimous consent of this Department to present the name of Comrade Rankin of the Post in this city. He has been the head, the spirit that has inspired the citizenship of Ypsilanti to give us the grand entertainment they have provided for us so liberally and he has been the head and front of every movement here. I, therefore, ask unanimous consent that the Adjutant General cast the ballot of this Encampment for Comrade Rankin as Senior Vice Commander. Seconded.

Department Commander: Make your motion so as to include suspension of the rules.

Comrade Snyder: I include that motion, that we suspend the rules, and that the Adjutant General cast the ballot of this Encampment for Comrade Rankin.

Comrade Dean, Post 37: I second the motion to suspend the rules.

Comrade Joslyn, Post 180: I appear before you for the first time in my life at which I have attempted to say anything but I want to say, with a good deal of pride, that Carpenter Post, 180, presents the name of Comrade Rankin for Senior Vice Commander. I tell you now that if anything happens

to Comrade Stone, and he is not able to attend to business, you have got one of the best workers on the face of God's earth in Mr. Rankin. Whatever he attempts he accomplishes, and he accomplishes what everybody else attempts to do, too.

Motion put and carried and the Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot for Comrade Rankin and he was declared elected.

Department Commander: We will now proceed to the election of Junior Vice Commander.

Comrade Norton, Post 111: I present the name of one who belonged to a good regiment, was a good soldier, and I want to say that he was a man who came out of the war of the Rebellion who has done his duty as a good citizen and he has been a good worker in the Grand Army, and a good worker in his home, and I present the name of J. J. Holmes, of Eaton Rapids, Post 111.

Comrade Shattuck, Post 42: I rise to support the nomination of J. J. Holmes, of Eaton Rapids, for Junior Vice Commander.

Comrade from Post 108: I wish to move that we suspend the rules and instruct the Assistant Adjutant General to cast the unanimous vote for Comrade Holmes. Seconded.

Comrade from Post 201: I rise to present the name for Junior Vice Commander of "Ren" Barker of Post 451, Reed City.

A Comrade: I wish to second the nomination of Comrade "Ren" Barker. He was born in New York, and in 1880 moved to Michigan. He served 4 years in the army and his record was good. He has attended every state Encampment and nearly all the national Encampments and he was, as I understand, the Junior Vice Commander, once, but I understood the vice Commander to say yesterday that we need a little spirit in the Junior Vice Commander's office and I think that Comrade Barker possesses that spirit.

Comrade Dixon, Post 17: There are not yet wars enough and we cannot live long enough to have any member of this organization hold any office more than once.

Comrade Welling, Post 48: By direction of the delegation from Post 48, I desire to support the nomination of J. J. Holmes for Junior Vice Commander.

Comrade from Dewey Post 60: Just a word. Eaton Rapids has a live Post. Comrade Holmes is a live man in the Post. They are holding, every year, a reunion over there that they are inviting us all to, and it is our fault if we don't go, and for that reason I want to vote for Comrade J. J. Holmes of Eaton Rapids.

Comrade Barker: Owing to the decision or the law of the Encampment, I would respectfully withdraw my name as a candidate in favor of Comrade Holmes.

Comrade Ives: I move that the rules be suspended, and that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to cast the ballot of this Encampment for J. J. Holmes of Eaton Rapids. Seconded.

Motion put and carried and the vote was cast by the Assistant Adjutant General for J. J. Holmes for Junior Vice Commander and he was declared elected.

Department Commander: The next office is that of Chaplain. If you will pass that, our beloved Chaplain was elected last year for life. The next is Medical Director. Who will you have? We have Comrade Root, and he is rooting all the time.

Comrade Ives, Post 441: I move that the rules be suspended, and that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to cast the vote of this convention for Dr. W. W. Root, of Mason, Michigan. Seconded.

Motion put and carried unanimously. The Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote as directed and W. W. Root was declared elected Medical Director.

Comrade Root: I have no claim to this office, but I do feel it would be an honor at this time as our National Encampment goes to Rochester, near my old neighborhood, and it will give me great pleasure to be with the staff of the Department of Michigan at that Encampment, and I thank you for the honor conferred.

Department Commander: The next will be the election of the Council of Administration.

Comrade Spears, Post 10: I want to name for the Council of Administration, four, I think we all know them, they are all well qualified.

Department Commander: I would suggest that you nominate one, and let some other fellow nominate somebody else.

Comrade Spears: It affords me great pleasure to nominate Henry Spaulding of Post 20 for member of the Council of Administration.

Comrade Ives, Post 441: I desire to present the name of Comrade George Raab of Post 148, Flint. Seconded.

A Comrade: I would take pleasure in nominating R. B. Davis of Post 10, Dundee.

Comrade from Post 16: I would nominate M. D. Richardson of Post 365.

Comrade Stevens, Post 32: I would nominate Comrade Perry Mayo, Post 166, of Marshall. Seconded.

Comrade Ives: I move a suspension of the rules, and that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to cast the ballot for the five comrades named. Seconded.

Motion put and carried and the Adjutant cast the vote and the Commander declared the nominees elected members of the Council of Administration.

Department Commander: The next in order is the election of a delegate at large.

Comrade Raab, Post 148: I place in nomination for the first delegate at large, our esteemed comrade and friend that we all know, is a noble worker, Comrade Ives, Post 441 Mason.

Comrade Limke, Post 384: On behalf of Wayne county, which contains the entire first Congressional district, as well as part of the third, I desire to put in nomination for delegate at large, the name of Comrade Jacob Bristol, of Detroit, Post 384.

A Comrade, Wm. Jibb, Post 45: I desire to place in nomination a man you all know because he has served you and that man is Comrade Starkweather of Post 318, Northville.

Comrade from 101: I was in hopes that the first nomination would be unanimous and the Adjutant instructed to cast the entire vote. There are a number of delegates to be elected, and the first delegate, as I understand, will be chairman of the delegation, and I would like to have Comrade Ives head that delegation. I am not personally acquainted with his record, but I am personally acquainted with a man that fought side by side with Comrade Ives and they rode their horses together, and were on Col. Miles' staff, and as I understand it, Col. Ives was as brave a man as ever drove a blade and I would like to have the other names withdrawn, and Comrade Ives' election be made unanimous to head this delegation.

Department Commander: Perhaps you do not all know this, but there are seven more delegates to be nominated to represent the state at large. This one must be voted for separately, and as the comrade says, this com-

rade will be the head of the delegation, but when you get down to Rochester, you will find the Department Commander will be the whole shooting match.

Comrade Raab: I made that nomination, knowing that if Comrade Ives, if elected, would be the delegate at large, and would be at the head of the delegation, I did not suppose there would be any other nominations for this delegate at large, and I wish the comrades would withdraw their names, and elect Comrade Ives the first delegate at large.

Comrade Saraw, Post 53: I want to rise here to oppose the nomination of Comrade Ives for various reasons. He is not a good Grand Army man—

Department Commander: No personal attacks will be allowed in this hall while I am Commander.

Comrade from 42: I rise to support the nomination of Comrade Ives. I was a member of the regiment that Comrade Ives was in. I have seen Comrade Ives in private life since and I know there is not a more patriotic man that stands in the hall of this convention. I know, too, that Comrade Ives never flinched, in any spot or place while he had command of any command from his little squad of a company to the command of a regiment, and I do not believe today, but what Comrade Ives is as good a Grand Army man as there is on this floor, and I rise to second the nomination of Comrade Ives.

Comrade Jibb, Post 45: In the interests of harmony and to facilitate the business of this convention, I most respectfully withdraw the name of Comrade Starkweather for delegate at large.

Comrade Limke: I will withdraw Comrade Bristol's name for the present.

Comrade Jibb: I desire to make a motion that the rules be suspended and that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to cast the ballot for Comrade Ives, and that he be elected delegate at large of this Encampment. Seconded.

Motion put and carried and Comrade Ives was declared elected delegate at large to the National Encampment.

Comrade Jibb: I present the name of Comrade Starkweather as one of the delegates at large.

Department Commander: Let the Adjutant read off the names that are going from the different districts, because you may nominate some one that is already going from his district.

The Adjutant read the list of names of delegates from districts.

Comrade Ward, Post 262: Last year Comrade Baumgartel was Adjutant of the A. C. Van Raalte Post. Now he did all he could to make the Encampment last year a success, and I will leave it to you to say whether he did or not. This 5th district, Mr. and myself last night, and Comrade McBride, hunted for about an hour to find the comrade that had this list to try to get the 5th district together. Now Comrade Baumgartel would have liked to have got in there as a delegate and I would like to submit to this Encampment the proposition of substituting him instead of the two comrades that got together and named this comrade for a delegate.

Comrade Frost: I wish to explain to the Comrade that it was announced from this stage where this delegation of district No. 5 would meet. Everybody in the hall should have been here and heard it. We met at half past seven and waited until eight o'clock before we had that meeting. There were ten delegates there, and we announced at the outside door four times before we commenced our meeting.

Department Commander: The Senior Vice says he will let it stand as it is.

Assistant Adjutant General continued the call of districts.

Comrade from the 12th district: I wish to place in nomination the name of P. C. Beauston, of Post 300, of Marquette.

A Comrade: I move that the rules be suspended, and that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to cast the ballot of this Encampment for the twelve delegates named. Seconded.

The Assistant Adjutant General cast the unanimous vote of the Encampment for the twelve delegates to the National Encampment:

D. S. Kimball, Post 17, Detroit.

Hope Welch, Post 45, Adrian.

C. T. S. Cook, Post 312, Galesburg.

Wallace Riley, Post 22, Buchanan.

James R. Stephenson, Post 5, Grand Rapids.

W. J. Adams, Post 53, Mason.

Wm. O. Lee, Post 98, Port Huron.

Martin C. Davis, Post 205, Owosso.

F. P. Steadman, Post 201, Manistee.

Geo. P. Cobb, Post 67, Bay City.

D. A. Moore, Post 294, Big Rapids.

P. C. Beanston, Post 300, Marquette.

Department Commander: I declare the twelve comrades named elected as delegates.

Comrade Reed: I wanted to suggest to expedite matters to put the delegates and alternates together.

Department Commander: You cannot vote for both at once. Now you have the alternates.

Comrade Reed: I move that the rules be suspended, and the names submitted from the twelve districts be declared elected as alternates by the vote of the Assistant Adjutant General. Seconded.

Motion put and carried.

The Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of the Encampment for alternates to the National Encampment.

Cornelius O'Dwyer, Post 433, Detroit.

A. E. Terwilleger, Post 358, Clayton.

Thos. J. Snow, Post 40, Charlotte.

W. H. Miller, Post 39, Berrien Springs.

Edward Racine, Post 395, Grand Rapids.

Abraham Vanarman, Post 145, Flint.

N. H. Miller, Post 216, Mt. Clemens.

M. E. Keller, Post 38, Saginaw.

P. P. Misner, Post 7, Muskegon.

Hiram Russell, Post 67, Bay City.

W. H. Beasley, Post 101, Ithaca.

Chas. D. Blanchard, Post 300, Marquette.

The Department Commander declared the twelve comrades named elected as alternates.

Comrade Limke: I now move we proceed to the election of the balance of the delegates at large.

Department Commander: That is in order.

Comrade Limke: I now desire to renew my motion and place in nomi-

nation as second delegate at large Comrade Jacob Bristol, of Post 384, Detroit.

Comrade Spaulding, Post 20: I wish to place in nomination the name of Comrade H. A. Chapin from Post 31.

Comrade Lee, of Post 98, Port Huron: I would place in nomination the name of George R. Howe, Post 98.

Comrade Ward: I wish to place in nomination the name of Comrade Baumgartel, Post 262.

Comrade from 48: I wish to place in nomination the name of Comrade Albert Dunham, of Post 48, Jackson.

Comrade Gage, Post 38: I place in nomination Comrade A. L. Bryant, Post 255.

A Comrade: I nominate Comrade J. E. Witbeck, Post 3.

A Comrade: I desire to nominate H. W. Simms, of Post 67, Bay City.

Comrade Mayo, Post 166: I nominate Comrade Henry Stevens, Post 32.

A Comrade: I nominate John G. Barry, Post 263, Vanderbilt.

A Comrade: I nominate O. W. Green, Post 85.

Comrade Bolter, Post 42: I rise to place the name of W. C. Nesen, Post 42, for delegate.

A Comrade: I nominate J. J. Waltrous, Post 41.

A Comrade: I nominate Comrade D. C. Spears, Post 10.

Comrade Cannon: I move that the names be placed in a hat and that the first seven out shall be the delegates and the next seven the alternates. Seconded.

Comrade Snyder: I am afraid we are getting confused over this thing. We have already nominated 15. We have elected one delegate at large and we are only entitled to one more delegate at large.

Department Commander: We are entitled to one delegate at large. There are seven to be divided up through the state which would be elected the same as the one at large. Comrade Cannon moves that the names be placed in a hat and that the first seven drawn out be the delegates and the next seven the alternates, the 15 names to be placed in the hat.

Assistant Adjutant: I was severely called down last year on this same proposition. 16 names were presented, 8 to be elected delegates and 8 alternates. They were put in a hat and the names were drawn out, the first 8 to be the delegates, and the others to be alternates, and a comrade had been nominated one of the first, I think he was the third on the list that was nominated, and he claimed that he had been elected delegate and I had the hardest work in the world to convince him that on account of the mix-up in the hat he had dropped down in the list and was one of the last out of the hat and became an alternate.

Department Commander: The 15 names will go into the hat, and the first 7 drawn out will be the delegates, it does not matter whether you are nominated first or last on this floor, the hat decides it. All in favor say, aye. Motion carried.

Department Commander: While the Assistant Adjutant General is preparing the names for the hat we will proceed with the business of the Encampment.

Comrade Janes: I was one of the committee appointed to report on the death of Captain Allen. We have not at hand all the details and the facts regarding Comrade Allen, and we desire, by permission of this Encampment, to draw our report later and send it to the Assistant Adjutant that it may be

recorded in the minutes of this meeting and a copy be sent to the family, and I make that motion. Seconded.

Motion put and carried.

Comrade Limke: I would like to read the report of the Committee on Resolutions. (Reading).

Your Committee on Resolutions recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the Department of Michigan in Encampment assembled, return the sincere thanks of the Department to the comrades of Carpenter Post, No. 180, and the good citizens of Ypsilanti for the splendid manner in which they have entertained the members of the G. A. R. at this Encampment.

FELIX N. LIMKE,
HENRY S. DEAN,
C. M. HALL.

Commander: Your Committee on Resolutions to whom has been referred the recommendation of the W. R. C., recommending that \$50.00 of the Silver fund be set aside to be expended by the Department Commander in visiting weak Posts.

We recommend that the request be granted and concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

FELIX A. LIMKE,
H. S. DEAN,
C. M. HALL.

I move the adoption of the resolutions. Seconded.

Motion carried.

Department Commander: I had forgotten the report of the Inspector General, we will hear that now. (Report read).

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

Detroit, Mich., June 23, 1911.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department Michigan G. A. R.:

Comrade: I have the honor to present the following summary of the consolidated report of the inspection of the Posts of this Department for the year ending June 30, 1910:

Total number of Posts.....	309
Total number of members in good standing.....	9,372
Total number Posts, membership over 100.....	13
Total number of Posts membership from 40 to 100.....	69
Total number of Posts membership from 20 to 40.....	61
Total number of Posts membership from 10 to 20.....	42
Number of Posts inspected.....	185
Number of Posts not inspected.....	124
Attendance of officers and members at Post meetings.....	Fair
Number of Posts in which the ritual is properly exemplified...	180
Number of Posts where officers and guards are properly uniformed and equipped.....	35
Number of Posts where members are fully uniformed.....	31

Number of Posts whose records are complete and well kept....	180
Number of Posts whose reports and per capita tax have been forwarded.....	309
Number of Posts having a relief fund.....	22
Aggregate of Post relief funds.....	\$420.61
Aggregate expenditure by Posts for relief.....	172.72
Aggregate of funds in hands of Post Quartermasters.....	13,182.93
Aggregate value of other property owned by Posts.....	69,642.96
Number of Posts with Women's Relief Corps attached.....	141
Number of Posts with Sons of Veterans attached.....	12

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,
D. S. KIMBALL,
Department Inspector.

Our present inspection amounts to very little. I am satisfied that there is nothing that would add as much life in our Posts if it could be done, as a thorough inspection once a year. If we could have a wideawake comrade visit each Post, and noticing their little irregularities, correct them, and above all try and promote harmony. This is the great trouble. There must be harmony or you will soon see attendance drop off.

I think a fund should be set aside to pay actual expenses of Department Commander or Inspector or some comrade deputized to go among the smaller Posts. Have Posts notified of his coming; hold campfire, and let them know they are remembered by the Department and Posts numerically larger. In large cities we have many visitors and during cool months something besides general opening and closing.

I have noticed where Posts have a Corps attached their attendance is better, and it is a fact many Corps keep Posts from surrendering their charter, some even pay their per capita tax.

I think all officers make a mistake when they deviate from service book or Ritual. At funerals I have heard Chaplain and Commanders substitute or add (which they may have a right to do), but it may please them and them *only*. The G. A. R. funeral service is printed, and cannot be improved.

I saw recently in a muster in where no officer but Commander and Officer of the Day had anything to do with the muster. I wish to say again to all Comrades using either Ritual or Service Book, they make a fatal mistake trying to improve on either. It has been improved from time to time until it is perfect.

Respectfully submitted,
D. S. KIMBALL,
Department Inspector.

I move the adoption of the report. Seconded.
Motion put and carried.

Department Commander: We will now have the report of the Committee to Visit the Soldiers' Home. Comrades will give careful attention to the report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO VISIT SOLDIERS' HOME.

YPSILANTI, MICH., June 23, 1911.

Col. Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan
Grand Army of the Republic:

Dear Comrade: Your Committee to whom was referred the duties of visiting the Soldiers' Home at Grand Rapids, beg leave to submit the following:

On the 2nd and 3rd day of June instant, we visited the Home, and during the entire two days, made a most thorough and searching inspection of the Home, and everything pertaining to its management, with a view if possible to ascertain without a doubt, how our aged and unfortunate Comrades are being cared for during the present administration of the Home.

We arrived at the Home in due time, and were most heartily greeted by Col. Judson E. Rice, Commandant of the Home, and his most estimable wife, whom together with the Commandant's entire staff, treated us very courteously during our entire visit at the Home. At all times the Commandant, or any of his staff, were willing and anxious to aid your committee in getting any information desired, and so it was all through the entire Home, the employees, from the highest to the lowest, seemed to vie with each other, in their efforts in looking after every detail in order to aid and assist the members in getting the most out of this life during the few years which they may be allowed to remain with us.

The members of the Home are divided into five companies, each company being under the charge of a sergeant as follows: Co. A, Rody O'Mara; Co. B, Enos Page; Co. C, A. J. Thompson; Co. D, Oliver Spooner; Co. E, Charles Brink.

Each Sergeant escorted the committee through their respective companies, in turn as we passed through the building. In going through the Home, it was the policy of the committee to cordially greet and talk with most of the members who were in their rooms at the time we called, and they seemed to be cheerful and happy, and without any exception, they seemed to be thoroughly contented and to have a high appreciation of the kind treatment accorded them and in every case, commended the Commandant and his efficient subordinates and very many also expressed their sincere gratitude to the state for providing them with such a magnificent Home, and to the Board of Managers for its equipment and furnishings, and looking after all minor details, with a view to their personal comfort and happiness.

We listened to but few complaints, and were deeply impressed with the small number arraigned, and the light infractions of the rules. It was also quite a revelation to the committee that the members were allowed so much freedom and so much liberty, with so little abuse of it.

It certainly established in our minds the firm conviction that the institution was a Home in every sense, and in no sense a prison.

In one of the dormitories we found what they call Concert Hall, with a capacity of some 600, which is used for religious meetings and concerts, for the amusement of the old boys. It showed to the committee that regard was paid to both the religious and temporal welfare of the members.

The writer of this report, went to the silent city on the hillside, and in-

spected the manner in which the comrades graves, who have gone before, are cared for, and found that the same thorough treatment which prevails throughout the entire institution was being carried out. The cemetery was in fine shape, every resting place of the comrades who have answered to their last roll call is marked with the National head stone, suitably marked with the proper inscription.

And as I stood alone in that city of the dead my mind contemplated the sad but inevitable fact, that not very many years hence, the last soldier, sailor and marine of the armies and navy of the civil war shall have gone into the voiceless, silent tomb, and beyond the river in countless numbers are mustering our dear old comrades of other days, who fought the fight and kept the faith, and now wear the crown.

At this date the capacity of the Home is	
The number of members for duty.....	779
Sick in hospital.....	139
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Total members present.....	918
Absent with leave.....	368
Absent without leave.....	22
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	390
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Total members.....	1308

WOMAN'S BUILDING.

Number of women for duty.....	85
Absent with leave.....	60
Absent without leave.....	
Sick in hospital.....	32
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	92
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Total Women.....	177

2,014 members have died in the Home since it was established and 149 women have died since the Woman's Building was established.

There is a library in the concert hall of 3,900 volumes of good sound reading which the inmates have access to at any time.

We inspected the kitchen in the hospital and the Home, the womens' building and we have nothing to report but commendation for all in authority, and especially were we favorably impressed with the management of the Quartermaster's Department, which is in charge of Captain C. C. Phillips, whose efforts in behalf of the inmates to purchase good and wholesome food which is fit for a king.

In the hospital we found everything in apple pie order, with Dr. Howard A. Grube, surgeon in charge, who is ably assisted by Dr. H. C. Abelman, first assistant, and Dr. William A. Deerpake, second assistant.

We found that the surgeons in charge of the hospital were well thought of by the patients confined therein and are hopeful that the present conditions will prevail during the next few years.

Only in the matter of the place where are kept 32 sick women from the Womans' Building, which is called a hospital, do your committee have any criticism to make. The quarters in which the authorities are obliged to place all of the sick women of the Womans' Building is in the main hospital which

was built for men only, and your committee would recommend that the Board of Managers of the Home strenuously propose to the next legislature that they make an appropriation sufficient for the building of a hospital for the women of the Womans' Building, who have no hospital of their own, but are now in the main hospital.

The floor in the dining room which was recommended to be built anew by the Soldiers' Home committee, has been built and is now in fine condition. The recommendation of the committee last year on the matter of furnishing dining room chairs was found by the managers to be impracticable for the reason that the tables and seats are so close together, that high backed chairs would be in the way of the waiters, and the men prefer their stools, which they stand directly in front, and when the signal is given to be seated, merely move their low seat between their feet and the job is done.

As an evidence that the Home is economically managed, we wish to give a few figures from the condensed report of 30 different state soldiers' Homes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1910, which shows the average cost per capita of the 30 Homes combined \$227.75. The per capita of the Michigan Home was \$164.21, showing the cost of maintaining the Michigan Home to be \$63.54 per capita less than the average of the 30 Homes reported. The average cost of subsistence for each member of the Home, present each day, cost of help and all other expenses incurred in preparing and serving the food was for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1910, 20 and 61-100 cents.

The average cost of clothing for each member for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1910, was \$18.11. The Auditor General's report shows that the general government paid into the Michigan state treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1910, \$94,495.35, being \$100.00 per capita per annum, based on the average number of male members of the Home.

It was most remarkable to the committee that among some eleven hundred inmates of the Home and Womans' Building, many of them just lingering on the borders of time, when there can be but little thought beyond personal comfort and ease during their few remaining days, there were no murmurings or complaints, to speak of, which caused the committee to remark that it was fortunate indeed for the Home that so capable and conscientious a comrade as the Colonel was placed in command of the Home.

His wisdom in connection with his sense of fraternal recognition of the inmates interests will be a great benefit to our comrades, and his character and judgment can be nothing less than an influence which must be of the greatest benefit to all who reside within the Home.

PENSION MONEY.

No part of the member's pension money is retained for the use of the Home. The vouchers of those few, whom it is necessary to discipline, is kept in the Home treasury. Each of such members is required by the present rules, to hand to the Home authorities his pension voucher and receives a receipt therefor. The money is treated the same as if deposited in a bank and is paid out to the depositor as the management of the Home thinks is needed, and on withdrawal or discharge from the Home, all balances are paid to the depositor in full, or in case of death, the balance in the hands of the Home treasurer, after taking out certain funeral expenses, is paid to the soldier's heirs, if any, and if no heirs, reverts to the Home. The managers acting

merely in the capacity of a guardian in the case and are doing the best they possibly can under the circumstances.

All of which is

Respectfully submitted,

LESTER J. KINNEY,
G. T. CONVERSE,
D. C. SPEARS.

Committee.

Comrade Kinney: I move the adoption of the report. Seconded.

Comrade Rankin: I want to make a recommendation. There is one thing about that report that I would like changed, and that is the word inmate, and I want to amend that report by changing the word inmates to the word members and never again let the word inmate appear as though it were some jail or reformatory or penitentiary for the members of a magnificent body, for I expect to go up there myself, and so do you, and we don't want to be called inmates.

Comrade Kinney: I accept the corrections.

Department Commander: The corrections will be made by the Adjutant before it is printed in the Journal.

The following resolutions presented by Comrade H. C. Rankin of Carpenter Post, No. 180, at Friday morning's session of the Thirty-third Annual Encampment held at Ypsilanti, by a rising vote were unanimously and enthusiastically adopted:

WHEREAS: We are informed that Col. Judson E. Rice, Commandant of the Soldiers' Home, a most faithful, zealous, esteemed official; a more than friend, a loving brother to all the members, both men and women of the Home, has been obliged to withdraw from the Commandant's position to make place, seemingly, for a new commander, not an ex-soldier of the Civil War;

Resolved: First, That we express our emphatic, unanimous disapproval of this action on the part of the Board of Managers;

Resolved: Second, That we place ourselves on record at this session of the State Encampment held in Ypsilanti Friday morning, June 23, as vehemently opposed to the selection of a commander of the Soldiers' Home, unless, in addition to necessary business qualifications for such preferment, the commander possess *the one* essential qualification, in our judgment, that with credit to himself and with honor to the State, he served 90 days or more in the battle's front in '61-'65.

Resolved: Third, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to his excellency, the Governor, to Col. Judson E. Rice, and especially to every member of the Board of Managers of the Soldiers' Home.

The ballots for the rest of the delegates and alternates being ready, the ballots were then drawn out of the hat, the hat was covered up and the following names were drawn:

Delegates: Jacob Bristol, Post 384; A. L. Bryant, Post 255; J. G. Berry, Post 263; George W. Howe, Post 98; Comrade Simms, Post 67; H. A. Chapin, Post 31; Comrade Starkweather, Post 318.

A Comrade: I move the gentlemen whose names have been selected be the delegates at large. Seconded.

Motion put and carried.

Department Commander: The next seven will be the alternates.

A Comrade: I will make the motion that the name that is drawn out first be delegate at large. Seconded.

Department Commander: It is moved and seconded that the first name drawn out of this hat be the alternate at large, and leave the other seven the alternates. Are you ready for the question?

Motion put and carried.

The first name drawn out of the hat was that of Henry Stevens, Post 32.

A Comrade: I move that Henry Stevens be confirmed delegate at large. Seconded.

Motion put and carried.

The other seven names in the hat were as follows:

Albert Dunham, Post 48; W. C. Nesen, Post 42; Comrade Green, Post 35; Comrade J. J. Waltrous, Post 41; D. C. Spears, Post 10; W. Baumgartel, Post 262; J. A. Witbeck, Post 3.

A Comrade: I move the names last read be the alternates. Seconded.

Motion put and carried.

Comrade Lee, Post 98: I hold in my hand an invitation from Port Huron for this Department in 1912, I will read you the invitation.

PORT HURON, June 20th, 1911.

State Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, Assembled at Ypsilanti, Mich.

Gentlemen: It gives me very much pleasure on behalf of the citizens of Port Huron to extend to you a very cordial invitation to hold your next annual Encampment in our City, situated as we are on the banks of the St. Clair, the greatest and grandest river on earth, where millions of dollars in commerce pass by our doors both day and night. I am sure that it will be a pleasure for many of you, especially those from inland towns, to visit our many beauty spots and become acquainted with our citizens. We have a beautiful city full of loyal people who will be glad to greet you and take pleasure in entertaining the members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Come and get acquainted.

Anticipating the pleasure of your meeting here in 1912, I remain

Yours respectfully,

J. J. BELL,
Mayor.

PORT HURON, MICHIGAN, June 17, 1911.

To the Delegates and Representatives of the Michigan Association Grand Army of the Republic:

Gentlemen: This Association extends to you a very earnest invitation to hold your 1912 reunion or convention in Port Huron.

We can assure you all a sincere welcome, and a cordial reception, not only on the part of this Association, but the entire citizenship of this City. You will find Port Huron in summer a delightful place to spend a few days, we having facilities here for entertainment not excelled by any city in Michigan; in fact, we have everything in the way of boating and the pleasures naturally attached to a resort city, to make your stay here very pleasant and enjoyable.

Our citizens are most hospitable in their greetings, and especially would we make every effort to entertain those who aided in the preservation of our Union, as we are very loyal to the Grand Army of the Republic.



CORNELIUS O'DWYRE
Senior Aide de Camp

Trusting that you will give this communication serious consideration, and that your decision may be favorable to this City, I am,

Respectfully,

YOUNG MEN'S BUSINESS ASSOCIATION,

Per

A. H. BROWNE,

Secretary.

Department Commander: You have heard the invitation, what will you do with it?

Motion made that it be accepted. Seconded.

Comrade Peet, Post 101: That is a very nice invitation from Port Huron, and I, for one, would just as leave go there as anywhere else but we have been hearing quite a good deal about going to some central place where it will not cost the comrades from the opposite side of the state so much railroad fare to go to the Encampment, and it seems to me as though Port Huron was out of the way. I have been there to a number of conventions and it is quite a costly place for a man to get to and I would substitute the name of Lansing in the place of Port Huron because it is centrally located, because the halls there cost us nothing, and I hope Lansing will be the place, I make that as a substitute. Seconded.

Comrade Devlin, Post 433: I wish to support the invitation extended this Encampment from Port Huron. A comrade speaks of the cost to those in the west part of the state. What representation have you got here today from the upper peninsula? They could come to Port Huron by boat for a quarter what it would cost them to go to Lansing, or at least one half. It was understood here that Lansing was not going to ask for this Encampment this year. Now then, we get a representation from northern Michigan that cannot very well get down to Lansing. I favor Port Huron, it has been my home but I am not living there now.

Comrade Richardson, Post 365: In behalf of the people of Lansing I say they are not in it, they don't want it, they don't ask for it.

Comrade Snyder, Post 42: I want to say a word in behalf of Lansing. Lansing does not ask the Encampment and has not asked it at this time. All we asked was the Department Commander for our Post and we have got that, and we are well satisfied, and I for one want to support the motion of Past Department Commander Jibb that we accept the invitation to Port Huron.

Comrade Bolter: As a comrade and resident of Lansing, I want to make a motion to lay this invitation that has been extended by somebody without any authority from Lansing upon the table. Lansing is not asking for it.

Department Commander: I think the comrade will withdraw his motion.

Comrade Peet: Yes.

Comrade Spaulding: I move that the rules be suspended, there being but one place called for, and that we select Port Huron as our next place of meeting for the Encampment. Seconded.

Motion put and carried unanimously.

Comrade Raab: I move that the Adjutant General be allowed \$50 to compile the official proceedings. Seconded.

Motion put and carried.

Comrade Rankin: I want to move a vote of thanks to the minister of this church, no more loyal young man ever lived, and to their board of offi-

cials for giving this church for us to use when the opera house wanted to ask us \$150 a day they said "Take the Methodist church." Now give them a hearty vote of thanks. Seconded.

Department Commander called for a rising vote and the motion carried unanimously.

Department Commander: I want to thank every one of you boys and I wish all the boys were here, for what you have done in this church. I have not seen a comrade smoking within the walls of this church, and I thank you for that.

Department Commander: The Department of Michigan has done its work.

Comrade Peet: It seems to me that we owe something to this church society here for the use of their church. We have dirtied it up, and it will take a good deal to clean it, and I move you that an order be drawn—

Department Commander: It is out of order before you make it. The people of this city will take care of it. We were invited here and we are their guests and we are not to do their work.

Comrade Stone: I believe you will bear with me to finish a little work that was left that I have been too busy to do. I have a resolution in regard to rewarding somebody that has done something for us, it is a courtesy to them. They have extended many to us this winter, and I will read it to you.

YPSILANTI, MICHIGAN, June 22nd, 1911.

WHEREAS: Frederick C. Martindale, Secretary of State, Albert E. Sleeper, State Treasurer, and Huntley Russell, Commissioner of the State Land Office, composing the Board of State Auditors of the State of Michigan, have shown their appreciation of the services rendered by the veterans of the Civil War by caring for and preserving our old battle flags and war relics now located in the State Capitol Building at Lansing, therefore be it

Resolved: That this Thirty-third Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic, now in session, extend to said Board of State Auditors our sincere thanks for their kind, generous and patriotic motives in our behalf, and that a copy of this preamble and resolution be sent to each member of said Board.

GEO. W. STONE.

Comrade Stone: I move the adoption of the resolution. Seconded and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEATH OF PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, E. M. ALLEN.

To the Commander and Comrades of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic:

Your committee to whom was delegated the duty of preparing a report expressive of the loss sustained by the Department in the loss of Past Department Commander, Ethel M. Allen, an honored member and a patriotic citizen, would respectfully report as follows:

Ethel M. Allen was born in Williamston, Wayne County, New York, November 14th, 1840; died at his home in Portland, Michigan, January 3,

1911, being at his death, seventy years, one month and nineteen days of age.

He entered the military service of his country during the Civil War as a member of the 98th New York Volunteer Infantry, and was commissioned as Second Lieutenant for bravery on the field of battle. He was again promoted to First Lieutenant, and later to Captain. He served in the Army of the Potomac, participating in many of the severe engagements of that army, and was severely wounded at the battle of Cold Harbor, Virginia.

He was a member of John Megarrah Post, No. 132, of Portland, Michigan, at the time of his death.

He was elected Commander of the Department of Michigan, G. A. R., for the year 1900, and served the Department with great credit, displaying great executive ability and devotion to the order.

In civil life he was loved and respected. A good soldier of this Republic almost invariably becomes a good citizen. Such was Comrade Allen—a good soldier, a good citizen and a loyal-hearted comrade.

His life is ended, and in the Encampment beyond the "Vale of tears" we are sure he has found the rest that his life, his services and his sufferings so well deserved.

To his widow and daughter this Department tenders its profound sympathy in the loss of a kind and loving husband and father.

O. A. JANES,
E. C. ANTHONY,
J. W. TAYLOR,
Committee.

There being no further business to come before the Encampment, Past Department Commander C. V. R. Pond proceeded to the installation of the new officers elect.

Department Commander Geo. W. Stone announced the following appointments:

For Assistant Adjutant General—Fayette Wyckoff.

For Assistant Q. M. General—Lester J. Kenney.

They were regularly installed into their respective offices.

Department Commander Stone: Before we adjourn, I want to make a statement. In the absence of our Chaplain, brought about by his physical condition, our Past Commander here has been deputized to act for him, and he will now invoke the Divine blessing.

Comrade Lawrence: Almighty Ruler and Supreme Commander, we thank Thee for the blessings that Thou hast bestowed upon us the past year. We ask Thee to protect and watch over this new administration of the Grand Army of this state. Bless and keep all our ranks full, that we may meet a year from now is the request of this Department. Amen.

Department Commander Stone: I now declare this Encampment closed.

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

LANSING, March 29, 1911.

In response to call of Department Commander Sam'l J. Lawrence, the Executive Committee Council of Administration met at Headquarters room in the Capitol.

Meeting called to order by the Department Commander at 1:30 P. M.

Present:

Samuel J. Lawrence, Department Commander.

E. K. Starkweather, Assistant Quartermaster General.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.

George Raab,

R. B. Davis,

M. D. Richardson,

} Executive Committee C. of A.

The Committee proceeded to examine the books and vouchers of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General.

Vouchers No. 16 for \$2.00.

Voucher No. 31 for \$4.50.

Voucher No. 35 for \$3.75 paid by Assistant Adjutant General were not allowed.

The books and accounts as audited were allowed, and the books found correct.

Comrade Starkweather moved that the sum of Fifty Dollars be allowed Department Commander Sam'l J. Lawrence to partly cover his travelling expenses for the year. Motion carried.

The Assistant Adjutant General presented his report on hotels for Headquarters at Rochester. After discussion of the matter, it was moved and carried that the Assistant Adjutant General be authorized to close contract with the Powers Hotel in accordance with their letter.

The matter of delinquent Posts was talked over. Comrade Raab moved that Senior Vice Department Commander A. J. Ward be asked to visit Posts No. 47 and 64, located at Dowagiac and Niles. His expenses to be paid by the Department. The Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to write Comrade Ward and inform him of the action of the committee.

The cash book of the Assistant Adjutant General being nearly full, he was instructed to procure a new one.

Matters before the legislature in which the members of the G. A. R. were interested were freely discussed. As the time was short before the legislature would adjourn, Comrade Geo. W. Stone, chairman of the Legislative Committee, was instructed to use his best judgment in urging bills for passage.

On motion the expenses of the members of committee in attendance upon this meeting was ordered paid.

On motion committee adjourned.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Asst. Adjutant General, G. A. R.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

MASONIC TEMPLE, YPSILANTI, June 21, 1911.

In obedience to call of the Department Commander, the Executive Committee Council of Administration met at Headquarters at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present:

Samuel J. Lawrence, Department Commander.

E. K. Starkweather, Assistant Quartermaster General.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.

Geo. Raab,

R. B. Davis,

M. D. Richardson,

} Ex. Com. C. of A.

The Committee proceeded to check over and audit the books of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General.

The books of the Assistant Adjutant General were found correct and showed that for the year he had received \$2,632.53, as follows:

Per capita tax, first term.....	\$1,184.74
Per capita tax, second term.....	1,148.88
Per capita tax from W. R. C. Fund, first term.....	28.80
Per capita tax from W. R. C. Fund, second term.....	29.75
Sale of supplies.....	237.36
Other sources.....	10.00

Total receipts.....	\$2,632.53
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All of which has been turned over to the Assistant Quartermaster General in cash and vouchers.

The books and vouchers of the Assistant Quartermaster General were found correct and approved as follows:

Received from former Assistant Quartermaster General Bostock..	\$4,057.10
Received from Assistant Adjutant General Wyckoff.....	2,632.53

Total receipts.....	\$6,689.63
Disbursements as shown by vouchers.....	2,660.41

Balance on hand.....	\$4,029.22
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It was also found that there would be due for interest on certificates of deposits if left for the year or until July 26, 1911, the sum of \$138.00.

Moved that the railroad fares of the members of the Executive Committee in attendance upon this meeting be paid. Motion carried.

Committee adjourned.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Asst. Adjutant General G. A. R.

MEETINGS OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
 HOLLAND, MICH., June 23d, 1910.

Pursuant to call of Department Commander Samuel J. Lawrence, the Council of Administration met in the parlors of the Hotel Holland.

Meeting called to order by Department Commander Samuel J. Lawrence.

Present:

Samuel J. Lawrence, Department Commander.

A. J. Ward, Senior Vice Department Commander.

W. W. Root, Medical Director.

Rev. Wm. Putnam, Department Chaplain.

E. K. Starkweather, Assistant Quartermaster General.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.

M. C. Barney, Patriotic Instructor.

L. H. Ives, Chief of Staff.

R. B. Davis,

Henry Spaulding,

J. S. French,

George Raab,

M. D. Richardson,

} Members Council Administration.

Matters of interest to the Department were informally discussed.

On motion the bond of the Assistant Quartermaster General was fixed at (\$5,000.00) five thousand dollars, and the bond of the Assistant Adjutant General at (\$1,000.00) one thousand dollars, premium on bonds to be paid by the Department.

It was moved and seconded that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to procure one hundred and fifty bronze Department badges for the Encampment at Atlantic City. Motion prevailed.

It was also moved and carried that the Assistant Adjutant General procure 1,500 ribbon badges (Michigan) for the use of the Department at Atlantic City, ribbon to be gold color.

Moved that the Department Commander and Assistant Quartermaster General be a committee of two on music, and that they be instructed to secure as many of the members of the Veteran Drum Corps as possible for \$150.00 Motion carried.

The Department Commander announced the names of the members of the Executive Committee Council of Administration as follows:

George Raab, Post 145, Flint.

R. B. Davis, Post 10, Dundee.

M. D. Richardson, Post 365, Lake City.

Bill of Samuel W. Burroughs, Judge Advocate, for \$5.00 paid stenographer for writing opinions, was allowed and ordered paid.

The Council of Administration adjourned to meet at the call of the Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Asst. Adjutant General, G. A. R.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
MASONIC TEMPLE, YPSILANTI, June 21, 1911.

Agreeable to call in General Orders, the Council of Administration met at Headquarters in Masonic Temple at 3 P. M.

Present:

Samuel J. Lawrence, Department Commander.

Geo. F. Nash, Junior Vice Department Commander.

E. K. Starkweather, Assistant Quartermaster General.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.

M. C. Barrey, Patriotic Instructor.

Geo. Raab,

R. B. Davis,

M. D. Richardson,

J. S. French,

Henry Spaulding,

} Council of Administration.

The report of the Executive Committee on their findings of the books and vouchers of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General was read, showing;

Total receipts for the year.....	\$6,689.63
Total disbursements.....	2,660.41

Balance in hands of Assistant Quartermaster General..... \$4,029.22

That on July 26 there would be due interest on deposits \$138.00.

M. C. Barney, Patriotic Instructor, made report of his work and the lack of funds in carrying on the work. Said that the Patriotic Instructor should not be asked to give his time and pay his own expenses.

Moved and seconded that the Executive Committee recommend to the Department Encampment that \$25.00 be allowed Patriotic Instructor M. C. Barney and that the incoming administration pay the allowance. Motion carried.

Department Inspector D. S. Kimball presented a bill for \$1.35 for postage. Bill allowed and ordered paid.

Bill of F. Schneider for 70 cents for telephone to Commander Lawrence was allowed and ordered paid.

Bill of E. K. Starkweather, Assistant Quartermaster General, for railroad fare to Atlantic City, amounting to \$23.65 was allowed and ordered paid.

Junior Vice Commander G. F. Nash made report of his visit to Post 47, Dowagiac, by direction of the Department Commander. Comrade Nash presented his bill for \$5.00 expenses incurred in visiting Post No. 47, at Dowagiac. Bill was allowed and ordered paid.

On motion Council of Administration adjourned.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Asst. Adjutant General, G. A. R.

EXHIBIT A.

LANSING, June 19, 1911.

Inventory of supplies on hand:

7½ sets Rituals and cards, @ 50c.....	\$3 75
18 sets Officers Cards, @ 10c.....	1 80
8 Service books, @ 15c.....	1 20
192 Rules and Regulations, @ 3c.....	5 76
98 Applications, 40c per 100.....	39
28 Leaves of absence, @ 1½c.....	42
271 Transfers, \$2.25 per 100.....	6 30
100 Honorable Discharges, \$2.25 per 100.....	2 25
167 Ode Cards, @ 1c.....	1 67
23 Membership Badges, @ 35c.....	8 05
11 Membership Badges (wide swivel), @ 35c.....	3 85
32 Rank Bars, @ 21c.....	6 72
138 Badge ribbons (about), @ 4c.....	5 52
54 Buttons, @ 6c.....	3 24
2 Blue books, @ 75c.....	1 50
7 Books, Adjutant's order on Quartermaster, @ 22c.....	1 54
40 Quartermaster's receipt for dues, @ 22c.....	8 80
1 Descriptive book, @ 75	
70 Adjutant's record book and roll of officers, @ 15c.....	10 50
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EXHIBIT B.

Inventory of Post Property:

One Silk U. S. Flag.....	\$25 00
One Union Jack.....	10 00
One Department Banner (Silk).....	30 00
One Smith Premier Typewriter (old).....	25 00
One letter scale.....	1 00
One Department Seal.....	2 00
One numbering machine.....	6 00
One letter press (old).....	1 00
One copy pad bath (old).....	50
Two frames for Department Commander's Photographs.....	12 00
One registration rack.....	2 50
Two U. S. Flags, 5x8, @ \$2.45.....	4 90
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ROLL OF DEAD—DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN.

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1910.

JOHN A. LOGAN POST 1, SOLDIERS' HOME.

Name.	Rank.	Organization.	Date of death.	Residence.
Conkley, Wm. H.	Private	Co. I, 9th Mich. Cavalry	Feb. 25, 1910.	Soldiers' Home.
Hogges, O. W.	Private	Co. E, 16th Mich. Infantry	Dec. 31, 1909.	Soldiers' Home.

C. O. LOOMIS POST 2, QUINCY.

Hoyt, Eli T.	Sergeant	Co. H, 11th Mich. Infantry	Mar. 18, 1910.	Quincy.
McKinney, Joseph	Private	Co. C, Light Artillery	Feb. 8, 1910.	Quincy.
Mickel, John Q.	Private	Co. E, 139th Ill. Infantry	April 21, 1910.	Quincy.
Barker, Joseph H.	Private	Co. I, 1st Mich. Sharpshooters	Nov. 5, 1910.	Quincy.
Van Blaricum, Martin	Private	Co. C, 19th Mich. Infantry	Oct. 29, 1910.	Quincy.

N. H. TERRY POST NO. 3, WHITEHALL.

Will, Edwin	Private	Co. A, 53rd Ill. Infantry	Mar. 19, 1910.	Whitehall.
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CUSTER POST NO. 5, GRAND RAPIDS.

Miner, Mathew	Private	Co. F, 2nd Mich. Cavalry	Dec. 27, 1909.	Grand Rapids.
McCrath, John W.	Captain	Co. B, 1st Mich. Engineers	Feb. 8, 1910.	Grand Rapids.
Fox, Perrin V.	Major	1st Mich. Engineers and Mechanics	Feb. 20, 1910.	Grand Rapids.
Smith, Chas. S.	Private	Co. I, 11th N. Y. Cavalry	April 4, 1910.	Grand Rapids.
Musty, Adrian	Private	Co. D, 1st Mich. Engineers & Mechanics	April 3, 1910.	Grand Rapids.
Taylor, Ed. B.	Private	Co. A, 71st Penn. Infantry	April 28, 1910.	Grand Rapids.
Welling, Hiram	Private	Co. D, 3rd N. Y. Cavalry	July 26, 1910.	Grand Rapids.
Stewart, C. T.	Sergeant	Co. C, 11th Mich. Infantry	Sept. —, 1910.	Grand Rapids.
Huff, T.	Private	Co. H, 9th Mich. Infantry	Oct. 31, 1910.	Grand Rapids.

C. J. DICKINSON POST NO. 6, HILLSDALE.

Briggs, Darius H.	Private	Co. H, 4th Mich. Infantry	July 9, 1910.	Hillsdale.
Holden, Oscar B.	Sergeant	Co. C, 81st N. Y. Infantry	Aug. 9, 1910.	Hillsdale.
Newell, Thomas		No descriptive list	Sept. 6, 1910.	Hillsdale.
Bird, William R.	Private	Co. E, 4th Mich. Infantry	Sept. 10, 1910.	Hillsdale.
Spencer, Phillip B.	Corporal	Co. K, 10th Mich. Infantry	Nov. 30, 1910.	Hillsdale.
Proctor, Frank K.	Sergeant	Co. G, 2nd Mich. Cavalry	Dec. 27, 1910.	Hillsdale.

PHIL KEARNEY POST NO. 7, MUSKEGON.

Burton, J. S.	Private	Co. B, 90th N. Y. Infantry	May 24, 1910.	Muskegon.
Sweeney, Edward	Private	Co. A, 90th N. Y. Infantry	May 29, 1910.	Muskegon.
Sprague, John	Private	Co. D, 16th Mich. Infantry	Jan. 9, 1910.	Muskegon.
Curran, John C.	Private	Co. A, 1st R. I. Cavalry	Sept. 5, 1910.	Muskegon.

CHAS. H. TOWNE POST NO. 8, ISHPERING.

Wilson, Arthur	Private	Battery, H 1st N. Y. Light Artillery	May 13, 1910.	Ishpeming.
Sauer, Francis V.	Private	Co. F, 19th N. Y. Cavalry	May 25, 1910.	Ishpeming.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

WM. BELL POST NO. 10, DUNDEE.

Name.	Rank.	Organization.	Date of death.	Residence.
Ingraham, Richard.....	Sergeant.....	Co. B, 144th Ohio National Guards.....	Jan. 20, 1910.	Dundee.
Squires, Jerome.....	Private.....	Co. H, 18th Mich. Infantry.....	Jan. 21, 1910.	Dundee.
Jackson, Geo. W.....	Surgeon.....	18th Mich. Infantry.....	May 28, 1910.	Dundee.
Warner, Marshall.....	Sergeant.....	Co. B, 5th Mich. Cavalry.....	June 18, 1910.	Dundee.
Libby, Oliver.....	Private.....	Co. I, 17th Mich. Infantry.....	Oct. 13, 1910.	Dundee.
Gardner, Louis.....	Private.....	Co. B, 5th Mich. Cavalry.....	Dec. 22, 1910.	Dundee.

ROBERTS POST NO. 11, BANCROFT.

Report one death. No name given.

RYDER POST NO. 12, DEERFIELD.

Tappin, Richard.....	Private.....	Co. F, 20th Mich. Infantry.....	Sept. 10, 1910.	
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GEO. H. THOMAS POST NO. 14, BENTON HARBOR.

Green, Benj.....	Private.....	Co. I, 19th Mich. Infantry.....	May 15, 1910.	Benton Harbor.
Atkinson, J. R.....	Private.....	3rd Kansas Battery.....	June 28, 1910.	Benton Harbor.
Cook, Wm. H.....	Private.....	Co. G, 19th Mich. Infantry.....	Aug. 21, 1910.	Benton Harbor.
Neal, Samuel.....	Private.....	Co. E, 94th Ohio Infantry.....	Aug. 23, 1910.	Benton Harbor.
Shelley, Henry S.....	1st Lieut.....	Co. L, 11th Missouri Cavalry.....	Nov. 4, 1910.	Benton Harbor.

PAP WILLIAMS POST NO. 15, LUDINGTON.

Holmes, Wilson.....	Private.....	Co. D, 12th Mich. Infantry.....	April 12, 1910.	Ludington.
Dowland, F. J.....	Private.....	Co. G, 20th Wis. Infantry.....	Jan. 3, 1910.	Ludington.

SEDGWICK POST NO. 16, EVART.

Straub, Hiram.....	Private.....	Co. H, 57th Ohio Infantry.....	Jan. 10, 1910.	Ewart.
Bisbee, L. A.....	Private.....	Co. B, N. Y. Cavalry.....	Jan. 18, 1910.	Ewart.
Smith, C. W.....	Private.....	Co. I, 44th Ind. Infantry.....	Mar. 5, 1910.	Ewart.
Manley, Wm. J.....	Private.....	Co. K, 68th Ohio Infantry.....	June 5, 1910.	Ewart.
Davis, Barlow.....	Private.....	Co. B, Berden Sharpshooters.....	Nov. 5, 1910.	Ewart.

FAIRBANKS POST NO. 17, DETROIT.

Randolph, C. B.....	Captain.....	118th U. S. Colored Troops.....	Jan. 13, 1910.	Detroit.
Davey, Wiliam.....	Private.....	Co. D, 22nd Mich. Infantry.....	Feb. 28, 1910.	Detroit.
McBride, J.....	Private.....	Ind. Battery, N. Y. Light Artillery.....	Feb. 28, 1910.	Detroit.
Lange, C. E.....	Private.....	Bat. K, 1st Mich. Light Artillery.....	Mar. 10, 1910.	Detroit.
Holmes, Geo. L.....	Lieut.....	Co. C, 1st Mich. Cavalry.....	Mar. 25, 1910.	Detroit.
Duquette, Oliver.....	Private.....	Co. H, 2nd Conn. Heavy Artillery.....	Mar. 21, 1910.	Detroit.
McClair, Theodore.....	Private.....	Co. E, 7th Ohio Infantry.....	April 27, 1910.	Detroit.
Backus, H. A.....	Lieut.....	Co. D, 4th Mich. Cavalry.....	April 27, 1910.	Detroit.
Smith, A. O.....	Private.....	Co. E, 7th Ohio Infantry.....	June 22, 1910.	Detroit.
Peters, J. B.....	Private.....	Co. D, 2nd Mich. Infantry.....	June 27, 1910.	Detroit.
Sumner, W. P.....	Private.....	Co. C, 27th Mich. Infantry.....	June 30, 1910.	Detroit.
Thatcher, Albert E.....	Private.....	Co. D, 2nd Ohio Infantry.....	July 28, 1910.	Detroit.
Harvey, Hannibal B.....	Private.....	Co. M, 1st Mich. Eng. and Mechanics.....	July 28, 1910.	Detroit.
Stevens, Wm. Niles.....	Private.....	Co. G, 150th Ohio Infantry.....	Aug. 26, 1910.	Detroit.
Granger, Sidney.....	Private.....	Co. E, 9th Mich. Infantry.....	Sept. 13, 1910.	Detroit.
Ladd, Henry H.....	Private.....	Co. D, 24th Mich. Infantry.....	Sept. 23, 1910.	Detroit.
DeClaire, Theodore.....	Corporal.....	Co. E, 16th Mich. Infantry.....	Oct. 13, 1910.	Detroit.
Maxwell, Geo. H.....	Private.....	Co. B, 28th N. Y. Infantry.....	Oct. 19, 1910.	Detroit.
Wilde, Mark.....	Private.....	Co. G, 8th Mich. Cavalry.....	Oct. 21, 1910.	
Fox, Thos. C.....	Private.....	Co. B, 15th U. S. Infantry.....	Date unknown	
Savage, John M.....	Private.....	Co. I, 39th N. J. Infantry.....	Date unknown	

McPHERSON POST NO. 18, TRAVERSE CITY.

Name.	Rank.	Organization.	Date of death.	Residence.
Longworth, H. A.	Private.	Co. K, 3rd Wis. Infantry.	June 8, 1910.	Traverse City.
Vinton, Medill.	Private.	Co. D, 27th Mass. Infantry.	June 9, 1910.	Traverse City.
Heath, Willard.	Sergeant.	Independent N. Y. Battery.	Aug. 20, 1910.	Traverse City.
Doke, David.	Corporal.	Co. I, 1st U. S. Sharpshooters.	Oct. —, 1910.	Traverse City.
Schultz, Chas.	Private.	Co. G, 19th Ill. Infantry.	Dec. 20, 1910.	Traverse City.

A. LINCOLN POST NO. 19, BANGOR.

Ward, Allen.	Private.	Co. K, 16th Ind. Infantry.	May 31, 1910.	Bangor.
Harrison, A. M.	Private.	Co. C, 70th N. Y. Infantry.	Dec. 7, 1910.	Bangor.

ELLSWORTH POST NO. 20, HARTFORD.

McAlpine, John.	Private.	Co. D, 66th Ill. Infantry.	Nov. 6, 1910.	Hartford.
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A. W. CHAPMAN POST NO. 21, ST. JOSEPH.

Walker, T. A.	Private.	Co. B, 6th Mich. Infantry.	Dec. 5, 1910.	St. Joseph.
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WM. PERROTT POST NO. 22, BUCHANAN.

Gardner, M. B.	Private.	Co. F, 131st Penn. Infantry.	Aug. 4, 1910.	Buchanan.
Wood, W. P.	Private.	Co. K, 25th Mich. Infantry.	Dec. 9, 1910.	Buchanan.

COL. FENTON POST NO. 24, FENTON.

Brown, Francis.	Private.	Co. F, 7th Mich. Infantry.	June 2, 1910.	Fenton.
Curry, L. W.	2nd Lieut.	Co. K, 9th Mich. Infantry.	June 9, 1910.	Fenton.
Freeman, S. K.	Sergeant.	Co. H, 44th Ind. Infantry.	Aug. 20, 1910.	Fenton.
Hewitt, Z. E.	Private.	Co. C, 1st Mich. Infantry.	Dec. 9, 1910.	Fenton.

DAVID BECKER POST NO. 25, OGDEN CENTER.

Heckert, John W.	Private.	Co. H, 6th W. Va. Infantry.	Dec. 16, 1910.	Ogden Center.
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JOE HOOKER POST NO. 26, HART.

Hutchins, J. K.	Private.	Co. A, 23rd N. Y. Cavalry.	May 27, 1910.	Hart.
Knickerbocker, John.	Private.	Co. D, 9th Mich. Infantry.	Aug. 23, 1910.	Hart.

BURNSIDE POST NO. 27, DECATUR.

Pritchard, O. M.	Private.	Co. A, 5th Mich. Infantry.	Mar. 5, 1910.	Decatur.
Hammond, J. H.	Private.	Co. H, 15th N. Y. Heavy Artillery.	Mar. 23, 1910.	Decatur.
Carner, John.	Private.	Co. F, 102nd U. S. Colored Infantry.	June 20, 1910.	Decatur.
Vought, Thos. A.	Private.	Co. E, 42nd Ill. Infantry.	Sept. 19, 1910.	Decatur.
Cadwell, Levi.	Private.	Co. D, 13th Mich. Infantry.	Nov. 2, 1910.	Decatur.
VanCamp, Henry H.	Private.	Co. C, 21st Ohio Infantry.	Nov. 24, 1910.	Decatur.

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A. L. CARVER POST 28, HEMLOCK.

Name.	Rank.	Organization.	Date of death.	Residence.
Cooper, A. T.	Private.....	Co. E, 103rd Ohio Infantry.....	April 27, 1910.	Hemlock.

CHAMPLIN POST NO. 29, GRAND RAPIDS.

Pyard, Edward.....	Private.....	Co. D, 4th Vermont Infantry.....	Mar. 14, 1910.	Grand Rapids.
Potter, Jos. C.....	Private.....	Co. E, 21st Mich. Infantry.....	May 2, 1910.	Grand Rapids.
Countryman, Joel.....	Private.....	Co. H, 18th Mich. Infantry.....	—, 1910.	Grand Rapids.
Rice, Eber.....	Private.....	Co. G, 21st Mich. Infantry.....	Dec. 20, 1910.	Grand Rapids.

BROADHEAD POST NO. 31, PAW PAW.

Bishop, Joshua.....	Private.....	Co. K, 13th Mich. Infantry.....	.....	Paw Paw.
Leach, James A.....	Private.....	Co. K, 20th Mich. Infantry.....	Sept. 5, 1910.	Paw Paw.
Sweidler, Louis.....	Private.....	Co. H, 7th Mich. Infantry.....	Dec. 28, 1910.	Paw Paw.

FARRAGUT POST NO. 32, BATTLE CREEK.

Chapman, O. A.....	.....	No descriptive list.....	May 1, 1910.	Battle Creek.
Cornwell, J. J.....	Musician.....	111th N. Y. Infantry.....	April 14, 1910.	Battle Creek.
Wills, Russell J.....	Private.....	Co. K, 128th Ohio Infantry.....	Jan. 9, 1910.	Battle Creek.
French, S. S.....	Surgeon.....	20th Mich. Infantry.....	Sept. 10, 1910.	Battle Creek.
Gregory, J. H.....	Lieut.....	Co. H, Merrill Horse.....	Sept. 30, 1910.	Battle Creek.

COL. MYRON BAKER POST NO. 33, MORENCI.

Sweet, Daniel.....	Private.....	Co. F, 49th Ohio Vol. Infantry.....	Jan. 4, 1910.	Morenci.
Walker, Roswell R.....	Sergeant.....	Co. G, 6th N. H. Infantry.....	Oct. 18, 1910.	Morenci.

ZAC CHANDLER POST NO. 35, SOUTH HAVEN.

Pratt, Warren.....	Private.....	Co. C, 13th Mich. Infantry.....	June 16, 1910.	South Haven.
Ely, J.....	Private.....	Co. C, 100th Ohio Infantry.....	June 28, 1910.	South Haven.

SAGINAW POST NO. 38, SAGINAW.

Moreau, John.....	Corporal.....	Co. C, 19th U. S. Infantry.....	Sept. 9, 1910.	Saginaw.
Norton, Wm. W.....	Private.....	Co. H, 16th N. Y. Heavy Artillery.....	Oct. 16, 1910.	Saginaw.
Knapp, Edgar R.....	Hosp. Steward.....	6th U. S. Cavalry.....	Oct. 19, 1910.	Saginaw.
Peters, Chas. H.....	Musician.....	Co. D, 29th Mich. Infantry.....	Nov. 12, 1910.	Saginaw.
Moore, Emil D.....	Captain.....	Co. H, 2nd Mich. Infantry.....	Dec. 19, 1910.	Saginaw.

KILPATRICK POST NO. 39, BERRIEN SPRINGS.

Gangler, Daniel G. W.....	Sergeant.....	Co. I, 12th Mich. Infantry.....	Jan. —, 1910.	Berrien Springs.
Lauer, Jacob.....	Corporal.....	Co. I, 12th Mich. Infantry.....	May —, 1910.	Berrien Springs.
Palmeter, Albert.....	Private.....	Co. K, 11th Mich. Infantry.....	Oct. —, 1910.	Berrien Springs.

A. S. WILLIAMS POST NO. 40, CHARLOTTE.

Berringer, Christopher.....	Lieut.....	Co. E, 5th Mich. Cavalry.....	Dec. 24, 1909.	Charlotte.
Wilson, Daniel G.....	Private.....	Co. D, 86th Ohio Infantry.....	Jan. —, 1910.	Charlotte.
Chappell, Chas. E.....	Private.....	Co. D, 15th Mich. Infantry.....	Sept. 6, 1910.	Charlotte.
Miller, Wesley D.....	Private.....	Co. E, 120th Ohio Infantry.....	Nov. 30, 1910.	Charlotte.

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R. P. CARPENTER POST NO. 41, CHELSEA.

Name.	Rank.	Organization.	Date of death.	Residence.
Crowell, Geo. J.	Private.	Co. K, 20th Mich. Infantry	Feb. 9, 1910.	Chelsea.
McCover, P. E.	Private.	Co. K, 20th Michigan Infantry	Nov. 16, 1910.	Chelsea.

CHAS. T. FOSTER POST NO. 42, LANSING.

Foster, John N.	Private.	Co. G, 26th Mich. Infantry	Feb. 23, 1910.	Lansing.
Miller, Robert	Private.	Co. I, 1st Mich. Infantry	Mar. 14, 1910.	Lansing.
Smith, John	Private.	Co. H, 75th Ind. Infantry	Mar. 17, 1910.	Lansing.
Whitney, Andrew	Private.	Co. A, 105th N. Y. Infantry	May 16, 1910.	Lansing.
Atkins, Israel G.	Private.	.....	June 15, 1910.	Lansing.
Allen, Jas. H.	Private.	Co. I, 99th Ohio Infantry	Dec. 29, 1910.	Lansing.
Beebe, Seneca J.	Private.	Co. A, 9th Mich. Cavalry	Nov. 27, 1910.	Lansing.
Cook, John B.	Private.	Co. F, 28th Mich. Infantry	Oct. 16, 1910.	Lansing.
Hoyt, Watrous A.	Private.	Co. G, 2nd Ohio Cavalry	July 12, 1910.	Lansing.
Potter, Theodore E.	Captain.	Co. B, 11th Minn. Infantry	Oct. 25, 1910.	Lansing.
Robinson, H. U.	Private.	Co. B, 128th Ohio Infantry	Sept. 23, 1910.	Lansing.
Shaw, Willie	Private.	Co. D, 6th Mich. Cavalry	Dec. 20, 1910.	Lansing.
Hall, Samuel	Private.	Co. D, 10th Mich. Cavalry	Sept. 11, 1910.	Lansing.

SCOTT POST NO. 43, BLISSFIELD.

WOODBURY POST NO. 45, ADRIAN.

Muffitt, Eli R.	Sergeant.	Co. A, 1st Ill. Cavalry	Jan. 7, 1910.	Adrian.
Carney, James M.	Private.	Co. D, 7th Mich. Cavalry	Feb. 6, 1910.	Adrian.
Brown, Edgar S.	Musician.	Co. C, 24th N. Y. Infantry	Feb. 7, 1910.	Adrian.
Carmon, C. E.	Private.	Co. B, 100th Ohio Infantry	April 24, 1910.	Adrian.
McFetridge, S.	Private.	Co. D, 7th Mich. Infantry	May 2, 1910.	Adrian.
Milliken, E. A.	Private.	Co. G, 23rd Mich. Infantry	July 12, 1910.	Adrian.
McKay, Samuel	Private.	Co. A, 17th Mich. Infantry	Sept. 20, 1910.	Adrian.
Hamilton, Samuel M.	Private.	Co. E, 6th U. S. Cavalry	Oct. 9, 1910.	Adrian.
Decker, Harley R.	Musician.	Co. F, 26th Mich. Infantry	Dec. 13, 1910.	Adrian.

EDWARD POMEROY POST NO. 48, JACKSON.

Palmer, David G.	Quartermaster.	1st Mich. Sharpshooters	May 15, 1910.	Jackson.
Cottrell, Geo. N.	Private.	Co. K, 6th Mich. Heavy Artillery	Mar. 29, 1910.	Jackson.
Bartholomew, A. S.	Private.	5th Mich. Cavalry	Oct. 5, 1910.	Jackson.
Driscolli, Oscar B.	Private.	Co. A, 9th Mich. Cavalry	Dec. 2, 1910.	Jackson.
Geer, William	Private.	Co. B, 1st Mich. Sharpshooters	Aug. 23, 1910.	Jackson.
Harrington, Albert E.	Private.	Co. E, 1st Mich. Eng. & Mechanics	Nov. 19, 1910.	Jackson.
Long, Daniel	Color bearer.	Co. F, 1st Mich. Infantry	Oct. 2, 1910.	Jackson.
Tuomey, Stephen	Private.	Co. E, 20th Mich. Infantry	Sept. 5, 1910.	Jackson.

WADSWORTH POST NO. 49, LAWRENCE.

Staley, George	Private.	Co. A, 1st Mich. Eng. & Mechanic	April 21, 1910.	Lawrence.
McCallum, Chas.	Private.	Co. A, Mich. Pro. Guards	Aug. 21, 1910.	Lawrence.

PHIL McKERNAN POST NO. 53, MASON.

Brott, Christopher	Private.	Co. G, 6th Mich. Cavalry	June 30, 1910.	Canada.
Swiggett, Geo. W.	Private.	Co. F, New 11th Mich. Infantry	Sept. 29, 1910.	Mason.

Name.	Rank.	Organization.	Date of death.	Residence.
Fraser, August.....	Private.....	Battery C, 1st Mich. Light Artillery.....	June 6, 1910.	Allegan.
Marble, Darius.....	Private.....	Co. B, 19th Mich. Infantry.....	Jan. 9, 1910.	Allegan.
Holton, Otis L.....	Private.....	Co. L, 4th Mich. Cavalry.....	Aug. 28, 1910.	Allegan.
Wait, Peter.....	Private.....	Co. C, 22nd Wis. Infantry.....	Dec. 22, 1910.	Allegan.

THOMAS MANNING POST NO. 57, MARCELLUS.

Shagelmyer, V. W.....	Private.....	Co. K, 131st Penn. Infantry.....	May 17, 1910.	Marcellus.
Kellogg, Henry J.....	Private.....	Co. H, 152nd N. Y. Infantry.....	Sept. 16, 1910.	Marcellus.
Steminger, Isaac W.....	Private.....	Co. E, 13th Mich. Infantry.....	Sept. 28, 1910.	Marcellus.
Ickes, Henry.....	Private.....	Co. D, 13th Mich. Infantry.....	Oct. 22, 1910.	Marcellus.

C. F. DOORE POST NO. 61, GAYLORD.

Parmater, Nathan L.....	Sergeant.....	29th Ohio Infantry.....	June 14, 1910.	Gaylord.
Savage, Ralph.....	Private.....	Co. B, 1st Mich. Eng. & Mechanics.....	Oct. 5, 1910.	Gaylord.

JEWELL POST NO. 62, CEDAR SPRINGS.

Dove, D. G.....	Corporal.....	Co. G, 17th Conn. Infantry.....	June 7, 1910.	Cedar Springs.
Phillips, Frances.....	Private.....	Co. A, 11th Mich. Infantry.....	Sept. 7, 1910.	Cedar Springs.
Akers, J. S.....	Private.....	Co. H, 23rd Ind. Infantry.....	June 30, 1910.	Cedar Springs.

C. K. WARREN POST NO. 63, EAST TAWAS.

Brown, Harry.....	Sergeant.....	Co. H, 5th R. I. Heavy Artillery.....	Feb. 28, 1910.	East Tawas.
Walker, James M.....	Musician.....	Co. A, 61st Pa. Infantry.....	Nov. 3, 1910.	East Tawas.

W. J. MAY POST NO. 65, JONES.

Kinney, Luther.....	Sergeant.....	78th N. Y. Infantry.....	Nov. 22, 1910.	Jones.
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U. S. GRANT POST NO. 67, BAY CITY.

Hogel, Walter.....	Private.....	Co. L, 8th Mich. Cavalry.....	May 22, 1910.	Bay City.
Marden, William.....	Private.....	Co. I, 81st N. Y. Infantry.....	Mar. 4, 1910.	Bay City.
Carson, John.....	Private.....	Co. G, 93rd N. Y. Infantry.....	Jan. 17, 1910.	Bay City.

SHIELDS POST NO. 68, SHELBY.

Shafer, Wm. P.....	Private.....	Co. A, 26th Mich. Infantry.....	Mar. 11, 1910.	Shelby.
Manning, Walter.....	Private.....	Battery L, 2nd Ill. Light Artillery.....	Mar. 13, 1910.	Shelby.
Thurston, David.....	Private.....	Co. L, Merrill Horse.....	Aug. 27, 1910.	Shelby.

DWIGHT MAY POST NO. 69, MIDLAND.

Snell John, W.....	Sergeant.....	Co. I, 3rd Mich. Infantry.....	Feb. 4, 1910.	Midland.
Gotham, R. B.....	Private.....	Co. G, 10th N. Y. Infantry.....	Jan. 20, 1910.	Midland.
Lownsbury, James V.....	Sergt. Major.....	F, 15th N. Y. Cavalry.....	Date not given	Midland.

ED. M. PRUTZNAAN POST NO. 72, THREE RIVERS.

Arthur, H. G.....	Sergeant.....	Co. A, 171st Pa. Infantry.....	Feb. 15, 1910.	Three Rivers.
Conner, C. A.....	Sergeant.....	Co. D, 19th Mich. Infantry.....	Dec. 2, 1910.	
Houts, John.....	Private.....	Co. C 15th Mich. Infantry.....	Aug. 28, 1910.	

STERLING POST NO. 74, WAYLAND.

Name.	Rank.	Organization.	Date of death.	Residence.
Knowles, David.....	Private.....	Co. H, 19th Wis. Infantry.....	June 26, 1910.	Wayland.
Hollester, C. R.....	Private.....	Co. E, 1st Mich. Eng. & Mechanics.....	July 3, 1910.	Wayland.
Moon, J. W.....	Private.....	Co. E, 28th Mich. Infantry.....	Dec. 25, 1910.	Wayland.

WETHERWAX POST NO. 75, GRAND HAVEN.

Emlaw, M. J.....	Private.....	Co. H, 3rd Mich. Infantry.....		Grand Haven.
Parker, O. J.....	Private.....	Co. A, 147th N. Y. Infantry.....		Grand Haven.
Van Wormer, A. M.....	Private.....	Co. F, 9th Mich. Cavalry.....		Grand Haven.

FRANK HICKS POST NO. 78, DANSVILLE.

Field, Edwin.....	Private.....	Co. C, 1st Mich. Infantry.....	Jan. 17, 1910.	Dansville.
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ORCOTT POST NO. 70, KALAMAZOO.

Henderson, G. H.....	Private.....	Co. E, 102nd U. S. Infantry.....	Feb. 13, 1910.	Kalamazoo.
Abbott, I. D.....	Private.....	Co. H, 25th Mich. Infantry.....	Feb. 22, 1910.	Kalamazoo.
Abby, A. M.....	1st Sergeant.....	Co. M, 22nd Ind. Battery.....	April 19, 1910.	Kalamazoo.
McCormick, Wm.....	Corporal.....	Co. K, 13th Mich. Infantry.....	May 17, 1910.	Kalamazoo.
Foster, I. H.....	Fireman.....	U. S. Navy.....	May 17, 1910.	Kalamazoo.
Smith, G. S.....	Private.....	Co. F, 97th N. Y. Infantry.....		Kalamazoo.
Bohler, Joseph.....		Co. F, 145th Ohio Infantry.....	Aug. 1, 1910.	Kalamazoo.
Clark, William.....	Private.....	Co. C, 1st Mich. Eng. & Mechanics.....	Aug. 16, 1910.	Kalamazoo.
Buck, W. C.....	Private.....	Co. E, 15th Iowa Infantry.....	Aug. 29, 1910.	Kalamazoo.
Cortigan, Wm.....	Private.....	Co. G, 2nd Mich. Cavalry.....	Oct. 3, 1910.	Kalamazoo.
Burk, P. H.....	Private.....	Co. E, 157th N. Y. Infantry.....	Oct. —, 1910.	Kalamazoo.

HARLOW BRIGGS POST NO. 80, HOPKINS.

Presley, Samuel.....	Private.....	Co. K, 6th Mich. Cavalry.....	Feb. 11, 1910.	Hopkins.
Bacon, John.....	Private.....	Co. H, 13th Mich. Infantry.....	April 22, 1910.	Hopkins.
Miller, Wm. H.....	Private.....	Co. K, 1st Mich. Eng. & Mechanics.....	April 24, 1910.	Hopkins.

W. A. KENT POST NO. 83, GREENVILLE.

Pond, E. H.....	Musician.....	22nd N. Y. Battery.....	May 27, 1910.	Greenville.
Gilmore, Samuel.....	Private.....	Co. K, 8th Michigan Infantry.....	Dec. 4, 1910.	Greenville.
Green, Thos. M.....	Private.....	Co. C, 13th Michigan Infantry.....	Dec. 30, 1910.	Greenville.

COL. BAKER POST NO. 84, KALKASKA.

Mowbray, Jos. F.....	Private.....	Co. L, 12th Ind. Cavalry.....	Mar. 11, 1910.	Kalkaska.
Ely, Joseph.....	Private.....	Co. H, 47th Ohio Infantry.....	Mar. 21, 1910.	Kalkaska.
VanBlaren, Chas.....	Private.....	Co. K, 110th N. Y. Infantry.....	April 6, 1910.	Kalkaska.

CHAS. WOODRUFF POST NO. 85, THREE OAKS.

Weed, C. H.....	Private.....	Co. C, 14th Mich. Infantry.....	Feb. 3, 1910.	Three Oaks.
Bramhall, Joseph.....	Private.....	Co. E, 12th Mich. Infantry.....	Dec. 15, 1910.	Three Oaks.

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JOSEPH WILSON POST NO. 87, LOWELL.

Name.	Rank.	Organization.	Date of death.	Residence.
Loomis, Luther.....	Private.....	Co. A, 7th Ohio Cavalry.....	June 13, 1910.	Lowell.
Borrows, Cordon A.....	Private.....	Co. A, 2nd Mich. Cavalry.....	June 30, 1910.	Lowell.
Ford, Orin.....	Private.....	Co. B, 25th Mich. Infantry.....	Dec. 10, 1910.	Lowell.

CORBIN POST NO. 88, UNION CITY.

Champernois, Chas.....	Private.....	Co. D, 24th Mich. Infantry.....	Jan. 23, 1910.	Union City.
Crandall, Ira.....	Private.....	Co. D, 1st Mich. Light Artillery.....	Mar. 29, 1910.	Union City.
Mason, Richard D.....	Private.....	Co. B, 104th Ohio Infantry.....	Jan. 25, 1910.	Union City.
Youngs, D. E.....	Sergeant.....	Co. A, 1st Mich. Light Artillery.....	Sept. 21, 1910.	Union City.

RANSOM POST NO. 89, FLUSHING.

Roman, John.....	Private.....	Co. E, 2nd Mich. Cavalry.....	June —, 1910.	Flushing.
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J. N. PENOYER POST NO. 90, SAGINAW, W. S.

Congdon, Henry.....	Private.....	Co. C, 15th Mich. Infantry.....	Mar. 25, 1910.	Saginaw, W. S.
Stimson, Edward A.....	Captain.....	Co. I, 81st N. Y. Infantry.....	May 10, 1910.	Saginaw, W. S.
Grout, Gardner K.....	Musician.....	Co. K, 2nd Mich. Infantry.....	Oct. 25, 1910.	Saginaw, W. S.

WM. D. WILKINS POST NO. 91, ST. LOUIS.

Holliday, E. J.....	Private.....	Co. K, 30th Mich. Infantry.....	April 5, 1910.	St. Louis.
Rowland, L. O.....	Private.....	Co. D, 101st Ohio Infantry.....	Aug. —, 1910.	St. Louis.
Morrow, Chas.....	Private.....	Co. B, 2nd U. S. Sharpshooters.....	Sept. 25, 1910.	St. Louis.

WALLACE POST NO. 95, FLAT ROCK.

Simpson, Chas.....	Captain.....	Co. D, 11th Mich. Cavalry.....	Mar. 7, 1910.	Flat Rock.
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WILLIAM SANBORN POST NO. 98, PORT HURON.

Browkaw, E. V. W.....	Quartermaster.....	26th Mich. Infantry.....	July 21, 1910.	Port Huron.
Burgess, J. R.....	Private.....	Co. G, 1st Mich. Lancers.....	Nov. 16, 1910.	Port Huron.
Duke, John.....	Private.....	Co. C, 22th Mich. Infantry.....	Aug. 5, 1910.	Port Huron.

M. W. DRESSER POST 100, LYONS.

Dougherty, John R.....	1st Lieut.....	Co. B, 8th Mich. Infantry.....	June 1, 1910.	Lyons.
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MOSES WISNER POST NO. 101, ITHACA.

Scott, Wm. D.....	Private.....	Co. D, 1st Mich. Cavalry.....	May 9, 1910.	Ithaca.
Maloney, A. D.....	Private.....	Co. C, 30th Mich. Infantry.....	Aug. 22, 1910.	Ithaca.
Pettit, Perry D.....	Private.....	Co. C, 4th Mich. Cavalry.....	Aug. 25, 1910.	Ithaca.
Todd, Geo. W.....	Private.....	Co. I, 82nd Ohio Infantry.....	Oct. 19, 1910.	Ithaca.
Phillips, Wm. L.....	Private.....	104th Ohio Infantry.....	Nov. 28, 1910.	Ithaca.

ELI P. ALEXANDER POST NO. 103, WILLIAMSTON.

Dixon, John.....	No further report.			
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BUTTERWORTH POST NO. 109, COLDWATER.

Name.	Rank.	Organization.	Date of death.	Residence.
Heriff, Julius.....	Private.....	Co. G, 19th Mich. Infantry.....	Mar. 10, 1910.	Batavia.
Sheldon, Theo. G.....	Private.....	Co. L, 171st Ohio Infantry.....	Mar. 12, 1910.	Coldwater.
Wattles, M. L.....	Private.....	.....	Oct. 30, 1910.	Coldwater.
Richards, John.....	Sergeant.....	Co. B, 11th Mich. Infantry.....	July 8, 1910.	Coldwater.
Williams, Geo.....	.....	unknown.....	July 6, 1910.	Coldwater.
Jones, J. E.....	.....	.....	Oct. 9, 1910.	Coldwater.
Taylor, Eri.....	Sergeant.....	Co. C, 19th Mich. Infantry.....	Dec. 10, 1910.	Coldwater.
Belknap, L. D.....	Q. M. Sergeant.....	Co. I, 11th Mich. Cavalry.....	Dec. 15, 1910.	Coldwater.

DE GOLYER POST NO. 110, HUDSON.

Southworth, Edward J.....	Private.....	Co. C, 1st U. S. Sharpshooters.....	Feb. 19, 1910.	Hudson.
Densmore, Rufus.....	Private.....	Co. F, 11th Mich. Infantry.....	Feb. 28, 1910.	Hudson.
Benson, E. W.....	Private.....	18th Mich. Infantry.....	June 5, 1910.	Hudson.
Patterson, D. A.....	2nd Lieut.....	Co. K, 26th Mich. Infantry.....	Sept. 2, 1910.	Hudson.

JAS. B. BRAINARD POST NO. 111, EATON RAPIDS.

Gunsbick, Harrison.....	Private.....	Co. H, 6th Mich. Heavy Artillery.....	Feb. 28, 1910.	Eaton Rapids.
Ellison, R. P.....	Private.....	Co. E, 4th Mich. Cavalry.....	Feb. 4, 1910.	Eaton Rapids.
Coe, Hiram.....	Private.....	Co. I, 138th Ind. Infantry.....	April 24, 1910.	Eaton Rapids.
Hicks, Geo. W.....	Private.....	Co. D, 1st U. S. Cavalry.....	July 11, 1910.	Eaton Rapids.
Buckingham, O.....	Private.....	Co. I, 20th Mich. Infantry.....	Aug. 3, 1910.	Eaton Rapids.
Harned, James.....	Private.....	Co. G, 20th Mich. Infantry.....	Aug. 9, 1910.	Eaton Rapids.
Rockwood, Robert.....	Private.....	Co. E, 1st Ohio Light Artillery.....	Oct. 4, 1910.	Eaton Rapids.
Stewart, Thos. J.....	Private.....	Co. C, 1st Mich. Light Artillery.....	Oct. 15, 1910.	Eaton Rapids.
Streeter, Cyrenus.....	Private.....	Co. C, 104th N. Y. Infantry.....	Dec. 2, 1910.	Eaton Rapids.
Smith, Wilson W.....	Private.....	Co. K, 105th Ohio Infantry.....	Dec. 6, 1910.	Eaton Rapids.
Thurna, S.....	Private.....	Co. B, 48th Ohio Infantry.....	Dec. 8, 1910.	Eaton Rapids.

JOHN GILLULY POST NO. 114, FOWLerville.

Hale, Ellis D.....	Sergeant.....	Co. L, 10th Mich. Cavalry.....	Sept. 24, 1910.	Fowlerville.
Worthington, J. A.....	Private.....	Co. F, 9th Mich. Infantry.....	Nov. 7, 1910.	Fowlerville.

ELLIOTT POST NO. 115, WHITE PIGEON.

Huntensting, Adam.....	Private.....	Co. A, 104th Pa. Infantry.....	Sept. 11, 1910.	White Pigeon.
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D. G. BOYCE POST NO. 117, BYRON.

Fawcett, Robert.....	Private.....	Co. B, 8th Mich. Infantry.....	Mar. 29, 1910.	Byron.
Welch, E. B.....	Corporal.....	Co. A 10th Mich. Infantry.....	April 21, 1910.	Byron.

BAXTER POST NO. 119, CHARLEVOIX.

Green, Edward H.....	Major.....	10th Pa. Cavalry.....	May 23, 1910.	Charlevoix.
Miller, Robert.....	Private.....	Co. C, 106th N. Y. Infantry.....	Nov. 29, 1910.	Charlevoix.

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WADDELL POST NO. 120, HOWELL.

Name.	Rank.	Organisation.	Date of death.	Residence.
Jordan, John.....	Private.....	Co. D, 6th Mich. Cavalry.....	Jan. 21, 1910.	Howell.
Ellsworth, I. W.....	Private.....	Co. A, 10th Mich. Infantry.....	Sept. 21, 1910.	Howell.

PAP THOMAS POST NO. 121, CHESANING.

Marshall, J.....	Private.....	Co. A, 10th Mich. Infantry.....	April 11, 1910.	Chesaning.
Hopkins, H. J.....	Sergeant.....	Co. G, 3rd Mich. Cavalry.....	July 16, 1910.	Chesaning.

CARVER POST NO. 123, FRANKFORT.

Springstine, Eber A.....	Sergeant.....	10th Mich. Cavalry.....	June 24, 1910.	Frankfort.
Hallebaugh, John.....	Private.....	Co. E, 44th Pa. Infantry.....	July —, 1910.	Frankfort.

FITZGERALD POST NO. 125, HASTINGS.

Mishler, Henry.....	Private.....	Co. D, 100th Ind. Infantry.....	June 15, 1910.	Hastings.
Jones, Hiram.....	Private.....	Co. C, 1st Mich. Eng. & Mechanics.....	Aug. —, 1910.	Hastings.

DAN S. ROOT POST NO. 126, BELDING.

Romaine, H. F.....	Corporal.....	Co. D, 11th Mich. Infantry.....	Not given.	Died at Soldiers' Home.
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BILLY BEGOLE POST NO. 127, MAPLE RAPIDS.

Fleshmer, Daniel.....	Private.....	Co. G, 1st Mich. Cavalry.....	Jan. 25, 1910.	Maple Rapids.
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HENRY M. LIDDLE POST NO. 131, COLON.

Hurley, B. F.....	Private.....	Co. H, 9th Mich. Cavalry.....	Dec. 21, 1909.	Colon.
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SAMUEL JUDD POST NO. 133, NEWAYGO.

Gates, L.....	Sergeant.....	Co. A, 3rd Mich. Infantry.....	June 6, 1910.	Newaygo.
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FRED W. WALKER POST NO. 134, MT. MORRIS.

Bock, Ephraim.....	Corporal.....	Co. E, 184th N. Y. Infantry.....	Aug. 28, 1910.	Mt. Morris.
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BARTHOLOMEW POST NO. 136, NUNICA.

Dumas, Bliss.....	Private.....	Co. A, 9th N. Y. Cavalry.....	Sept. 25, 1910.	Nunica.
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WELCH POST NO. 137, ANN ARBOR.

Irwin, Patrick.....	Captain.....	Co. H, 14th Mich. Infantry.....	Feb. 5, 1910.	Ann Arbor.
Rokohl, John.....	Corporal.....	Co. H, 9th Mich. Infantry.....	Nov. 23, 1910.	Ann Arbor.
Rockwell, Ruben.....	Private.....	Co. E, 8th Mich. Infantry.....	Dec. 13, 1910.	Ann Arbor.

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ANDREW MACUMBER POST NO. 141, LAKEVIEW.

Name.	Rank.	Organisation.	Date of death.	Residence.
Burt, Asahel.....	Private.....	Co. D, 6th Mich. Cavalry.....	Dec. 31, 1909.	Lakeview.
Lang, Samuel.....	Private.....	Co. D, 21st Mich. Infantry.....	Feb. 18, 1910.	Lakeview.
Brimmer, J. C.....	Private.....	Co. F, 21st Mich. Infantry.....	Feb. 21, 1910.	Lakeview.
Shaver, M. V. B.....	Private.....	Co. —, Ohio Home Guards.....	April 4, 1910.	Lakeview.
Cole, H. P.....	Private.....	Co. A, 6th Mich. Infantry.....	July 30, 1910.	Lakeview.

TURRILL POST NO. 144, LAPEER.

O'Briant, Lewis.....	Private.....	6th N. Y. Light Artillery.....	April 1, 1910.	Lapeer.
Dockham, Heman.....	Private.....	Co. I, 14th Mich. Infantry.....	July 5, 1910.	Lapeer.

GOV. CRAPO POST NO. 145, FLINT.

Hilton, Geo. W.....	Sergeant.....	Co. C, 16th Mich. Infantry.....	Feb. 2, 1910.	Flint.
Thomas, Orange S.....	Private.....	Co. H, 1st Mich. Cavalry.....	Feb. 13, 1910.	Flint.
Blackmer, Albert M.....	Private.....	Co. C, 16th Mich. Infantry.....	May 11, 1910.	Flint.

DICK RICHARDSON POST NO. 147, PONTIAC.

Van Klick, Leander D.....	Corporal.....	Co. K, 4th Mich. Cavalry.....	Jan. 9, 1910.	Pontiac.
Gordonier, Albert.....	Private.....	Co. G, 10th Mich. Infantry.....	April 4, 1910.	Pontiac.
Brown, Harmon W.....	Private.....	Co. B, 3rd Mich. Infantry.....	Sept. 27, 1910.	Pontiac.
Caleb, Geo. E.....	Private.....	Co. L, 3rd Penn. Cavalry.....	Sept. 19, 1910.	Pontiac.

RALPH ELY POST NO. 150, SHEPHERD.

Bigelow, C.....	Private.....			
Fordyce, L. N.....	Captain.....	Co. K, 1st West Va. Cavalry.....	July 4, 1910.	Shepherd.
Cranfield, Benj.....	Corporal.....	Co. F, 21st Mich. Infantry.....	July 15, 1910.	Shepherd.

WM. MOYER POST NO. 152, ALMA.

Carter, Lorenzo.....	Private.....	Co. A, 67th Ohio Infantry.....	April 20, 1910.	Alma.
Barnes, C. J.....	Corporal.....	Co. A, 4th Mich. Infantry.....	Dec. 5, 1910.	Alma.
Hanna, William.....	Captain.....	Co. H, 97th Ohio Infantry.....	Dec. 8, 1910.	Alma.

HIEL P. CLAK POST NO. 153, SARANAC.

Gifford, E. P.....	Captain.....	Co. I, 1st Mich. Eng. & Mechanics.....	May 19, 1910.	Saranac.
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CHAS. E. GRISSON POST NO. 156, ST. JOHNS.

Daboll, S. B.....	Corporal.....	Co. G, 117th N. Y. Infantry.....	Mar. 3, 1910.	St. Johns.
Granger, Andrew.....	Private.....	Co. D, 20th Mich. Infantry.....	Mar. 22, 1910.	St. Johns.
Watson, Homer.....	Private.....	Co. I, 24th Mich. Infantry.....	July 26, 1910.	St. Johns.
Austin, James.....	Private.....	Co. F, 3rd Mich. Infantry.....	Nov. 27, 1910.	St. Johns.

HENRY F. WALLACE POST NO. 160, CORUNNA.

Dutcher, Benjamin.....	Private.....	Co. B, 4th Mich. Cavalry.....	Mar. 8, 1910.	Corunna.
Wilson, S. D.....	Private.....	Co. B, 1st N. Y. Light Artillery.....	Nov. 24, 1910.	Corunna.

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F. M. FARQUHAR POST NO. 162, DETROIT.

Name.	Rank.	Organization.	Date of death.	Residence.
White, James D.				

EDWARD DWIGHT POST NO. 163, VERMONTVILLE.

Hallenbeck, Cornelius.....	Sergeant.....	Co. H, 6th Mich. Heavy Artillery.....	Jan. 2, 1910.	Vermontville.
Diehl, Jeremiah.....	Private.....	Co. I, 115th Ind. Infantry.....	Mar. 19, 1910.	Sunfield.
Dodge, William H.....	1st Lieut.....	Co. G, 73rd Ill. Infantry.....	Dec. 6, 1910.	Vermontville.

C. COLGROVE POST NO. 166, MARSHALL.

Magessee, Donald.....	Private.....	Co. H, 13th N. Y. Infantry.....	June 17, 1910.	Marshall.
Edgerton, S. H.....	Sergeant.....	Co. K, 1st Mich. Eng. & Mechanics.....	July 4, 1910.	Marshall.
Walters, C. F.....	Private.....	Co. M, 2nd Mich. Cavalry.....	Aug. 24, 1910.	Marshall.
Roups, J. F.....		150th Pa. Infantry.....	July 16, 1910.	Marshall.
Schley, Robert.....	Private.....	Co. B, 12th New H. Infantry.....	Dec. 7, 1910.	
Ryan, Edward.....	Private.....	Co. E, 29th Ohio Infantry.....	Dec. 12, 1910.	Marshall.

MURRAY POST NO. 168, MAPLE CITY.

Helme, John.....	Private.....	Co. F, 66th Ill. Infantry.....	Jan. 26, 1910.	Maple City.
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LOMBARD POST NO. 170, PETOSKEY.

Wright, Allen Cross.....	Private.....	Co. I, 3rd N. Y. Cavalry.....	Jan. 29, 1910.	Petoskey.
Worden, Alexander.....	Sergeant.....	Co. C, 7th Mich. Infantry.....	Mar. 11, 1910.	Petoskey.
Small, Nathan.....	Private.....	Co. C, 16th Mich. Infantry.....	June 27, 1910.	Petoskey.
Gokes, John.....	Private.....	Co. I, 192nd N. Y. Infantry.....	Aug. 16, 1910.	Petoskey.

JULIUS T. BASSETT POST NO. 173, CARSON CITY.

Keck, Andrew.....	Marine.....	U. S. Navy Gunboat Augusta.....	April 24, 1910.	Carson City.
Ludwick, Samuel.....	Private.....	Co. G, 129th Ohio Infantry.....	Mar. 20, 1910.	Carson City.
Terrill, Hiram.....	Private.....	Co. F, 3rd Mich. Infantry.....	1910	
Hull, George.....	Private.....	Co. B, 8th Mich. Infantry.....	June 27, 1910.	Carson City.

E. R. STILES POST NO. 174, HANCOCK.

Kelley, Michael.....	Sailor.....	U. S. Navy.....	May 10, 1909.	Hancock.
Haas, Joseph.....	Private.....	Co. I, 23rd Mich. Infantry.....	July 27, 1909.	Hancock.
Bogan, John.....	Private.....	Co. A, 17th U. S. Infantry.....	Feb. 6, 1910.	Hancock.

MONTCALM POST NO. 176, STANTON.

Childs, Edwin D.....	2nd Lieut.....	Co. F, 15th N. Y. Heavy Artillery.....	Feb. 1, 1910.	Stanton.
Savage, J. F.....				Stanton.

CHAS. T. TRAVERSE POST NO. 177, CAPAC.

McKinstry, Henry.....	Private.....	Co. E, 5th Mich. Cavalry.....	Mar. 23, 1910.	Capac.
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D. C. RUSSELL POST NO. 179, BRIGHTON.

Name.	Rank.	Organization.	Date of death.	Residence.
Britton, Joseph.....	Private.....	Co. A, 22nd Mich. Infantry.....	Mar. 24, 1910.	Brighton.
Becker, Henry.....	Private.....	Co. A, 22nd Mich. Infantry.....	Nov. 10, 1910.	Brighton.

CARPENTER POST NO. 180, YPSILANTI.

Barrett, C. S.	Private.....	Co. H, 15th Mo. Infantry.....	July 7, 1910.	Ypsilanti.
Smythe, Geo. C.	Private.....	Co. H, 35th N. Y. Infantry.....	Aug. 30, 1910.	Ypsilanti.
Chapman, John O.	Private.....	Co. K, 17th Mich. Infantry.....	Dec. 10, 1910.	Ypsilanti.

HEBER LA FAVOR POST NO. 181, MILFORD.

Smith, Willis L.	Com. Sergt....	Co. H, 5th Mich. Cavalry.....	June 13, 1910.	Milford.
Stephens, John W.	Private.....	Co. E, 3rd Mich. Cavalry.....	Nov. 21, 1910.	Milford.

HENRY DOBSON POST NO. 182, FREMONT.

Phelps, A. M.	Private.....	Co. K, 4th Mich. Cavalry.....	Feb. 26, 1910.	Fremont.
Adams, C. S.	Private.....	Co. H, 1st Mich. Cavalry.....	July 16, 1910.	Fremont.

HACKETT POST NO. 185, BRONSON.

Farrand, Jos. P.	Private.....	Co. D, 11th Mich. Infantry.....	Mar. 7, 1910.	Bronson.
Cleveland, Albertus B.	Private.....	Co. G, 3rd Ohio Cavalry.....	Mar. 17, 1910.	Bronson.

FRANK POWELL POST NO. 187, OXFORD.

Millsbaugh, O. H.	Private.....	Co. A, 9th Mich. Infantry.....	Jan. 25, 1910.	Oxford.
Crawford, C. H.	Private.....	Co. G, 3rd Mich. Infantry.....	Jan. 31, 1910.	Oxford.

GEO. C. WHITNEY POST NO. 188, HADLEY.

Bayley, Virgil A.	Private.....	Co. C, 16th Mich. Infantry.....	June 3, 1910.	Hadley.
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L. C. WOODMAN POST NO. 196, LAWTON.

Belden, Geo. W.	Sergeant.....	Co. G, 13th Mich. Infantry.....	June 2, 1910.	Lawton.
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JOHN TUCKER POST NO. 197, ORTONVILLE.

Rohm, Daniel.....	Private.....	Co. D, 22nd Mich. Infantry.....	Jan. 10, 1910.	Ortonville.
Flagler, Alonso.....	Private.....	Co. A, 9th Mich. Infantry.....	Feb. 10, 1910.	Ortonville.

JOS. B. STEDMAN POST NO. 198, REED CITY.

Nibbs, Sam'l N.	Private.....	Co. E, 33rd Ohio Infantry.....	April 10, 1910.	Reed City.
Mann, Jerry.....	Private.....	Co. K, 3rd N. Y. Infantry.....	Aug. 24, 1910.	Reed City.
Williams, B. Chas.	Private.....	Co. K, 45th Ohio Infantry.....	Oct. 17, 1910.	Reed City.
Miller, Jerry.....	Private.....	Co. K, 13th Mich. Infantry.....	Nov. 5, 1910.	Reed City.
Donovan, Daniel.....	Private.....	Co. B 33rd Ill. Infantry.....	Dec. 12, 1910.	Reed City.

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PERRY BAKER POST NO. 200, CARLTON.

Name.	Rank.	Organization.	Date of death.	Residence.
Wilbur, Isaac.....	Corporal.....	Co. F, 16th Mich. Infantry.....	Dec. 10, 1910.	Carlton.
Barber, A. J.....	Sergeant.....	Co. E, 5th Mich. Cavalry.....	Dec. 22, 1910.	Carlton.

JAS. F. MCGINLEY POST NO. 201, MANISTEE.

Fowler, George.....	Private.....	Co. A, 188th N. Y. Infantry.....	April 10, 1910.	Manistee.
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L. B. QUACKENBUSH POST NO. 205, OWOSSO.

Johnson, Nicholas.....	Private.....	Co. D, 121st N. Y. Infantry.....	June 19, 1910.	Owosso.
Winkler, David L.....	Private.....	Co. D, 29th Ohio Infantry.....	July 12, 1910.	Owosso.
North, G. F.....	Sergeant.....	Co. C, 1st Mich. Infantry.....	Aug. 28, 1910.	Owosso.
Leland, Louis.....	Private.....	Co. C, 8th Mich. Cavalry.....	Oct. 12, 1910.	Owosso.

MAJOR WEBER POST NO. 206, BELLAIRE.

Wiles, John W.....	Private.....	Co. D, 4th Mich. Infantry.....	April 25, 1910.	Bellaire.
Dunson, Emanuel.....	Captain.....	Co. E, 10th Mich. Infantry.....	Nov. 21, 1910.	Bellaire.

E. W. HOLLINGWORTH POST NO. 210, ALBION.

Smith, Ansel.....	Private.....	Co. B, 4th Mich. Infantry.		
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W. H. BORDEN POST NO. 211, IONIA.

Preston, C. A.....	Private.....	Co. K, 7th Kansas Infantry.....	Oct. 4, 1910.	Ionia.
Snyder, J. B.....	Private.....	Co. B, 6th Ohio Infantry.....	Dec. 17, 1910.	Ionia.

J. B. MASON POST NO. 213, BELLEVUE.

Pettibone, William.....	Private.....	Co. A, 23rd Ohio Infantry.....		Bellevue.
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WILLIAM RICHARDSON POST NO. 214, MILLINGTON.

Bush, James W.....	Private.....	Co. A, 29th Mich. Infantry.....	Oct. 3, 1910.	Millington.
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H. D. TERRY POST NO. 216, MT. CLEMENS.

Mathews, Almanas.....	Bugler.....	Co. G, 8th Mich. Cavalry.....	May 29, 1910.	Mt. Clemens.
Peters, Gottlieb.....	Private.....	Co. G, 22nd Mich. Infantry.....	April 28, 1910.	Mt. Clemens.
Babcock, Henry W.....	Drummer.....	Co. C, 5th Mich. Infantry.....	April 14, 1910.	Mt. Clemens.
Weyburn, Oliver.....	Private.....	Co. A, 8th N. Y. Cavalry.....	Sept. 30, 1910.	Mt. Clemens.
Willets, Edward.....	Private.....	Co. C, 5th Mich. Infantry.....	Nov. 28, 1910.	Mt. Clemens.
Hutchins, Jersey E.....	Private.....	Co. D, 5th Mich. Infantry.....	Aug. 21, 1910.	Mt. Clemens.

M. B. WELLS POST NO. 218, LUTHER.

Fenton, Sam'l W.....	Private.....	Bat. A, 1st Mich. Light Artillery.....	April 10, 1910.	Luther.
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HENRY BAXTER POST NO. 219, JONESVILLE.

Name.	Rank.	Organization.	Date of death.	Residence.
Riggs, J. H.....	Private.			

BRADLEY POST NO. 221, HARRISON.

Stockwell, Amos.....	Private.....	Co. E, 3rd Mich. Infantry.....	Feb. 3, 1910.	
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HENRY C. BEEBE POST NO. 223, RICHMOND.

Lawrence, Henry.....				Richmond.
Heath, S. H.....				Richmond.
Schulte, Henry.....				Richmond.

RUDDOCK POST NO. 224, CHEBOYGAN.

Fritschler, Charles.....	Private.....	Co. B, 49th N. Y. Infantry.....	May 7, 1910.	Cheboygan.
Hudson, Henry.....	Private.....	Co. K, 1st Mich. Infantry.....	Dec. 9, 1910.	Cheboygan.

GEORGE MARTIN POST NO. 227, EASTPORT.

Coburn, Andrew J.....	Sergeant.....	Co. D, 8th Mich. Infantry.....	Jan. 7, 1910.	Eastport.
McKay, William.....	Private.....	Co. F, 2nd Mich. Infantry.....	Jan. 6, 1910.	Torch Lake.
Bentley, G. T.....	Corporal.....	Co. B, 149th Ohio Infantry.....	Aug. 28, 1910.	Eastport.

OSCAR BARTLETT POST NO. 233, WALES.

Green, Nathan C.....	Private.....	Co. H, 4th Mich. Infantry.....	June 8, 1910.	Wales.
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O. H. READ POST NO. 234, HUBBARDSTON.

Wheeler, Chas. F.....	Private.....	Co. F, 147th N. Y. Infantry.....	Feb. 7, 1910.	Hubbardston.
Vance, Emerson.....	Private.....	Co. I, 2nd Mich. Infantry.....	Mar. 7, 1910.	Hubbardston.
Brown, Henry W.....	Lieut. Colonel.	76th U. S. C. T.....	Nov. 8, 1910.	Hubbardston.

WALTER CLIFFORD POST NO. 235, BOYNE CITY.

Howard, Albert.....	Landsman.....	U. S. Steamer Hindman.....	May 3, 1910.	Boyne City.
Loose, John.....	Private.....	Co. E, 14th Wis. Infantry.....	Feb. 11, 1910.	Boyne City.

MARVIN POST NO. 240, GRAYLING.

Johnson, Carlos B.....	Private.....	Co. K, 11th Mich. Infantry.....	April 9, 1910.	Grayling.
Annis, A. H.....	Sergeant.....	Co. C, 73rd Ind. Infantry.....	Dec. 10, 1910.	Grayling.
McElroy, Robert.....	Private.....	Co. B, 108th N. Y. Infantry.....	Dec. 23, 1910.	Grayling.

FRANK MASON POST NO. 242, ATHENS.

Oldacre, James.....	Private.....	Co. K, 2nd Mich. Infantry.....	Dec. 12, 1910.	Athens.
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WA-BU-NO POST NO. 250, MT. PLEASANT.

Name.	Rank.	Organization.	Date of death.	Residence.
Nelson, Douglass H.....	1st Lieut.....	Co. M, 1st Mich. Eng. & Mechanics.....	June —, 1910.	Mt. Pleasant.
Whalen, H. O.....	Private.....	Co. K, 3rd Mich. Cavalry.....	Dec. —, 1910.	Mt. Pleasant.

J. T. JONES POST NO. 252, HOWARD CITY.

Lamphere, Myron.....	Private.....	Co. F, 152nd Ind. Infantry.....	Jan. 3, 1910.	Howard City.
Fisher, James.....	Private.....	Co. I, 21st Mich. Infantry.....	Jan. 10, 1910.	Howard City.
Dancer, George.....	Private.....	Co. A, 6th Mich. Cavalry.....	Nov. 3, 1910.	Howard City.

LONSON POST NO. 255, MAYVILLE.

Dumon, Austin.....	Private.....	Mar. 27, 1910.	Mayville.
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W. M. FENTON POST NO. 258, ST. IGNACE.

Bailey, John R.....	Asst. Surgeon.....	8th Missouri Infantry.....	Jan. 18, 1910.	St. Ignace.
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A. STEWART POST NO. 259, LITCHFIELD.

Hagar, J. H.....	Private.....	Co. L, 1st Mich. Light Artillery.....	Mar. 30, 1910.	Litchfield.
Nash, Thomas.....	Private.....	Co. I, 15th Mich. Infantry.....	Jan. 2, 1910.	Litchfield.
Snyder, Peter.....	Private.....	Co. E, 4th Ohio Infantry.....	Jan. 20, 1910.	Litchfield.

CORY POST NO. 261, WAYNE.

Cleveland, A. D.....	Private.....	Co. B, 11th U. S. Infantry.....	Feb. 21, 1910.	Wayne.
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A. C. VAN RAALTE POST NO. 262, HOLLAND.

D. B. K. Van Raalte.....	Corporal.....	Co. I, 25th Mich. Infantry.....	Feb. 12, 1910.	Holland.
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GENERAL HARKER POST NO. 263, VANDERBILT.

Schel, M. J.....	Private.....	Bat. A, 1st Mich. Light Artillery.....	April 15, 1910.	Vanderbilt.
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LYON POST NO. 266, MENOMINEE.

Jenkins, C. E.....	Private.....	Co. G, 12th N. Y. Cavalry.....	July 25, 1910.	Menominee.
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F. A. BUHL POST NO. 270, ECORSE.

Bondie, Alexander.....	Private.....	Co. K, 155th Ind. Infantry.....	May 15, 1910.	Ecorse.
Fisette, George.....	Private.....	Co. E, 16th Mich. Infantry.....	.....	Ecorse.

BOYS IN BLUE POST NO. 271, MECOSTA.

Minkel, Geo.....	Private.....	Co. E, 1st Mich. Infantry.....	April 15, 1910.	Mecosta.
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LEWIS CLARK POST NO. 275, OLIVET.

Name.	Rank.	Organization.	Date of death.	Residence.
Green, William.....	Private.....	Co. G, 136th N. Y. Infantry.....	July 22, 1910.	Olivet.

BRADFIELD POST NO. 276, ADA.

Lawyer, W.....	Private.....	Co. A, 10th Mich. Cavalry.....	July —, 1910.	Ada.
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H. S. BURNETT POST NO. 278, WEST BAY CITY.

Florence, Herman.....	Private.....	Co. H, 37th N. Y. Infantry.....	Feb. 23, 1910.	Bay City, W. S.
Alpin, Henry H.....	Private.....	Co. C, 16th Mich. Infantry.....	July 23, 1910.	Bay City, W. S.

MORGAN PARKER POST NO. 281, PETERSBURG.

Trombly, George.....	Private.....	Co. K, 18th Mich. Infantry.....	June 17, 1910.	Petersburg.
Bennett, George.....	Private.....	Co. F, 43rd Ohio Infantry.....	Dec. 16, 1910.	Petersburg.

S. W. GRINNELL POST NO. 283, SUNFIELD.

Shaver, I. L.....	Private.....	Co. E, 9th Mich. Infantry.....	Feb. 14, 1910.	Sunfield.
Lenhart, Franklin.....	Private.....	Co. G, 189th Ohio Infantry.....	April 3, 1910.	Sunfield.

COL. STEWART POST NO. 285, TUSTIN.

Ryers, John.....	Private.....	Co. A, 123th Ohio Infantry.....	Oct. 13, 1910.	Tustin.
Compton, P. L.....	Private.....	Chandler Horse Guards.....	Nov. 2, 1910.	Tustin.

B. F. CHAPIN POST NO. 287, CHESHIRE.

Harmon, R. C.....	Sergeant.....	Co. B, 8th N. Y. Heavy Artillery.....	Sept. 20, 1910.	Cheshire.
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JOHN H. ANDREWS POST NO. 288, LACOTA.

Bump, Adolphus.....	Private.....	Co. K, 6th Mich. Infantry.....	Jan. 16, 1910.	Lacota.
Reams, Silas.....	Private.....	Co. A, 19th Mich. Infantry.....	May 19, 1910.	Lacota.

ANDRUS POST NO. 294, BIG RAPIDS.

Byers, John F.....	Private.....	Co. I, 32nd Iowa.....	Mar. 20, 1910.	Big Rapids.
Tribbley, John.....	Private.....	Co. A, 4th Mich. Cavalry.....	May 14, 1910.	Big Rapids.
Brower, John B.....	Private.....	Co. G, 4th Mich. Cavalry.....	May 20, 1910.	Big Rapids.
Cheyne, James.....	Private.....	Co. D, 16th Mich. Infantry.....	Aug. 4, 1910.	Big Rapids.
Richardson, Geo. A.....	Private.....	Co. B, 42nd Wis. Infantry.....	Oct. 14, 1910.	Big Rapids.

E. H. BRONSON POST NO. 295, GALESBURG.

Miner, L. C.....	Private.....	Co. I, 6th Mich. Cavalry.....	Aug. 21, 1910.	Galesburg.
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SIMON MALLISON POST NO. 298, PIERPORT.

Name.	Rank.	Organization.	Date of death.	Residence.
Poff, Abram.....	Private.....	Co. A, 4th Mass. Infantry.....	Mar. 2, 1910.	Pierport.
Simpson, Thomas.....	Sergeant.....	Co. A, 12th Mich. Infantry.....	May 31, 1910.	Pierport.
LaRue, O. A.....	Private.....	Co. D, 16th Wis. Infantry.....	Oct. 14, 1910.	Pierport.

ALBERT JACKSON POST NO. 300, MARQUETTE.

Ferris, David R.....	Corporal.....	Co. K, 51st Wis. Infantry.....	May 19, 1910.	Marquette.
Shepard, Edward M.....	Private.....	Co. I, 17th Vermont Infantry.....	Oct. 18, 1910.	Marquette.

BURSON POST NO. 303, SCHOOLCRAFT.

Wagar, Albert.....	Lieut.....	Co. H, 25th Mich. Infantry.....	Dec. 15, 1910.	Schoolcraft.
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WALTER ORR POST NO. 312, SCOTTS.

Powers, John.....	Corporal.....	Co. C, 6th Ohio Cavalry.....	Nov. —, 1910.	Scotts.
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HENRY DAGLE POST NO. 313, SOUTH BOARDMAN.

Shannon, P.....	Private.....	Co. D, 1st Mich. Eng. & Mechanics.....	May 27, 1910.	So. Boardman.
Holden, B.....	Private.....	Co. M, 1st Mich. Cavalry.....	.....	So. Boardman.

J. B. SACKETT POST NO. 320, PRAIRIEVILLE.

Norwood, George.....	Corporal.....	Co. C, 8th Mich. Cavalry.....	May 5, 1910.	Prairieville.
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MYRON HAWLEY POST NO. 328, NAPOLEON.

Moris, A. T.....	Private.....	Co. D, 20th Mich. Infantry.....	May 12, 1910.	Napoleon.
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JOHN W. PURDY POST NO. 346, HAMILTON.

Wells, Hiram G.....	Private.....	Co. G, 29th Mich. Infantry.....	Oct. 29, 1910.	Hamilton.
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BILLY CARSON POST NO. 347, BRECKENRIDGE.

Woverton, Chas.....	Private.....	Co. E, 126th N. Y. Infantry.....	Nov. 15, 1910.	Breckenridge.
Holton, Thos.....	Private.....	Co. E, 8th Mich. Infantry.....	Sept. 11, 1910.	Merrill.
Eavey, A. J.....	Private.....	Co. A, 10th Mich. Infantry.....	Dec. 1, 1910.	Breckenridge.

S. D. HAIGHT POST NO. 348, SCOTTSVILLE.

McDowall, Michael.....	Private.....	Co. H, 14th Mich. Infantry.....	April 2, 1910.	Scottsville.
Arthur E. B.....	Private.....	Co. A, 29th Pa. Infantry.....	April 10, 1910.	Scottsville.
Towns, Jesse L.....	Private.....	Co. B, 7th Mich. Cavalry.....	Mar. 26, 1910.	Scottsville.

COMSTOCK POST NO. 352, MANCHESTER.

Sherwood, S. R.....	Sergeant.....	Co. D, 28th Mich. Infantry.....	Nov. 10, 1910.	Manchester.
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JAMES F. COVELL POST NO. 354, PALO.

Name.	Rank.	Organisation.	Date of death.	Residence.
Howarth, John	Private.....	Co. B, 16th Mich. Infantry.....	May 1, 1910.	Palo.

T. B. MYERS POST NO. 357, GAGETOWN.

Bodey, John R.	Private.....	June 13, 1910.	Gagetown.
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ROWLEY POST NO. 358, CLAYTON.

Spencer, S.	Private.....	Feb. 19, 1910.
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C. B. HUBBLE POST NO. 364, COLEMAN.

Petre, John R.	Private.....	Co. F, 2nd Mich. Infantry	Mar. 1, 1910.	Coleman.
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GORDON POST NO. 366, WHITE CLOUD.

Flinton, George.	Private.....	Co. B, 8th Pa. Cavalry	Mar. 19, 1910.	White Cloud.
Miller, John H.	Private.....	Co. H, Infantry	June 12, 1910.	White Cloud.

WM. NOBLE POST NO. 369, GLADWIN.

Laveck, John.....	Private.....	Co. K, 121st Ohio Infantry	April 10, 1910.	Gladwin.
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W. B. HAZEN POST NO. 370, WEST BRANCH.

Baahaw, John	Corporal.....	Co. G, 5th Mich. Infantry.....	July 16, 1910.	West Branch.
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A. H. FENN POST NO. 371, FENNVILLE.

Dugget, Ed.	Private.....	Co. L, 1st Wis. Cavalry.....	May —, 1910.	New Richmond.
Bryan, Ed. J.	Sergeant.....	Co. I, 2nd Mich. Infantry.....	Dec. —, 1910.	Fennville.

T. A. DOWNER POST NO. 374, PARMA.

Gorton, Frank.....	Captain.....	Co. K, 121st Infantry.....	.....	Parma.
Jerome, Shenk.....	Private.....	Co. K, 19th N. Y. Infantry.....	.....	Parma.

W. P. EVERETT POST NO. 377, ROCHESTER.

Dewey, Ezekiel H.	Private.....	Co. B, 3rd Mich. Infantry.....	Nov. 20, 1910.	Rochester.
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JOHN STOCKTON POST NO. 390, NEW HAVEN.

Buttee, William.....	Private.....	Co. F, 16th Mich. Infantry.....	June 17, 1910.	New Haven.
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U. O. BRETZ POST NO. 382, LAKE ODESSA.

Humell, Jacob.....	Private.....	Co. K, 65th N. Y. Infantry.....	June 20, 1909.	Lake Odessa.
Cheney, Oliver.....	Private.....	Co. C, 22nd Mich. Infantry.....	Aug. 28, 1910.	Lake Odessa.

DETROIT POST NO. 384, DETROIT.

Name.	Rank.	Organization.	Date of death.	Residence.
Clark, Alvin S.....	Private.....	Co. B, 121st N. Y. Infantry.....	Jan. 9, 1910.	Detroit.
Olin, Rollin C.....	Private.....	Co. B, 3rd Maine Infantry.....	Mar. 8, 1910.	Detroit.
Jasnowski, Saliunin.....	Private.....	Stanton Guards.....	Mar. 11, 1910.	Detroit.
Jack, Geo. T.....	Private.....	Co. A, 1st Mich. Light Artillery.....	Mar. 15, 1910.	Detroit.
Maltz, Geo. L.....	1st Lieut.....	Co. I, 4th Mich. Infantry.....	Aug. 1, 1910.	Detroit.

GEN. CHAS. GRIFFIN POST NO. 386, FARWELL.

Smedley, L. T.....	Private.....	1st Battalion N. Y. Sharpshooters.....	Sept. 19, 1910.	Farwell.
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MICHIGAN POST NO. 393, DETROIT.

Newman, Chas.....	Sergeant.....	Co. C, 5th U. S. Cavalry.....	Jan. 5, 1910.	Detroit.
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A. P. EARLE POST NO. 394, WEXFORD.

Stuart, Bruce.....	Corporal.....	Co. A, 1st N. Y. Light Artillery.....	Jan. 21, 1910.	Wexford.
Edgett, Geo. S.....	Private.....	Co. I, 110th N. Y. Infantry.....	Jan. 25, 1910.	Wexford.

A. B. WATSON POST NO. 395, GRAND RAPIDS.

Savage, John S.....	Private.....	Co. B, 132nd Ill. Infantry.....	Mar. —, 1910.	Grand Rapids.
Beebe, Chas. A.....	Sergeant.....	Co. I, 1st Mich. Eng. & Mechanics.....	May 18, 1910.	Grand Rapids.
Watts, Isaac.....	Private.....	Co. C, 136th Penn. Infantry.....	.....	Grand Rapids.
Hilliard, William.....	Private.....	Co. F, 5th Mich. Cavalry.....	Aug. 21, 1910.	Grand Rapids.
Wheeler, E. W.....	Private.....	Co. K, 105th N. Y. Infantry.....	Sept. 25, 1910.	Grand Rapids.
Ryder, Geo. W.....	Private.....	Co. I, 57th Ohio Infantry.....	Nov. 8, 1910.	Grand Rapids.
Shelcher, Henry.....	Private.....	Co. C, 10th N. Y. Infantry.....	Nov. 26, 1910.	Grand Rapids.

J. AND A. RYDER POST NO. 404, NEWBURG.

King, Milward.....	Private.....	Co. C, 9th Mich. Cavalry.....	Feb. 12, 1910.	Plymouth.
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GEN. W. T. SHERMAN POST NO. 410, VASSAR.

Sturgis, Seneca.....	Private.....	Co. A, 10th Mich. Cavalry.....	Oct. 7, 1910.	Vassar.
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ROBERT IRWIN POST NO. 416, BROOKLYN.

Saeford, George.

WM. H. DUMPHY POST NO. 424, YALE.

Craven, Mathew.....	Private.....	Co. F, 27th Mich. Infantry.....	Feb. 15, 1910.	Yale.
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PLEASANTON POST NO. 429, IRONWOOD.

Walker, P. S.....	Private.....	Co. K, 1st Wis. Heavy Artillery.....	Sept. 22, 1910.	Ironwood.
Sanson, John.....	Private.....	Co. D, 86th Ill. Infantry.....	Mar. 12, 1909.	Ironwood.

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GEN. O. M. POE POST NO. 433, DETROIT.

Name.	Rank.	Organisation.	Date of death.	Residence.
Folsom, Jas.....	Private.....	Co. F, 2nd Col. Infantry.....	Jan. 2, 1910.	Detroit.
Lawrence, B. S.....	Private.....	Co. H, 3rd Col. Infantry.....	Feb. 3, 1910.	Detroit.
White, Jas. D.....	Private.....	Co. C, 1st Mich. Cavalry.....	April 10, 1910.	Detroit.
Preston, Alva L.....	Private.....	Co. H, 118th Ohio Infantry.....	June 21, 1910.	Detroit.

WASHINGTON POST NO. 444, CADILLAC.

Williams, Henry.....			Aug. 14, 1910.	Cadillac.
Vanbuskirk, William.....		Co. F, 55th Ill. Cavalry.....	Oct. 18, 1910.	Cadillac.

R. H. GIBSON POST NO. 445, GOWEN.

Koehler, C. H.....	Musician.....	Co. L, 7th U. S. Infantry.....	April 4, 1910.	Gowen.
Watson, A. S.....	Private.....	Co. L, 1st Mich. Eng. & Mechanics.....	May 3, 1910.	Gowen.
McClelland, G. S.....	Sergeant.....	Co. E, 8th Mich. Infantry.....	Oct. 26, 1910.	Gowen.
Bradshaw, Edward.....	Private.....	Co. G, 46th Pa. Infantry.....	Nov. 14, 1910.	Gowen.

J. B. SWEETLAND POST NO. 448, EDWARDSBURG.

Manco, Theodore.....	Private.....	Co. L, 2nd Mich. Cavalry.....	Mar. 16, 1910.	Edwardsburg.
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H. W. LAWTON POST NO. 452, SAMARIA.

Geo. A. Cannon or Corning.....	Private.....	Co. D, 15th Mich. Infantry.....	Feb. 18, 1910.	Samaria.
Stout, James P.....	Corporal.....	Co. D, 14th Ohio Infantry.....	Mar. 18, 1910.	Samaria.
Schultz, Conrad.....	Private.....	Co. F, 55th Ohio Infantry.....	June 24, 1910.	Samaria.

HARLOW C. PELTON POST NO. 453, KINGSTON.

Morse, Theodore.....	Private.....	Co. F, 4th N. Y. Heavy Artillery.....	Feb. 7, 1910.	Kingston.
McKarrick, R. D.....	Private.....	Co. H, 17th Mich. Infantry.....	May 28, 1910.	Kingston.

STANSELL POST NO. 456, SOUTH LYON.

Hammond, Thos. W.....	Corporal.....	Co. B, 20th Mich. Infantry.....	May 27, 1910.	South Lyon.
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JAMES M. POND POST NO. 460, SAUGATUCK.

Metzgar, William.....	Private.....	Co. E, 74th Ind. Infantry.....	April 26, 1910.	Saugatuck.
Baker, George.....	Private.....	Co. F, 2nd Ohio Cavalry.....	Sept. 1, 1910.	Saugatuck.
Grant, Lorenzo.....	Private.....	Co. I, 8th Ohio Infantry.....	Aug. 12, 1910.	Saugatuck.

GEORGE BOYD POST NO. 461, BOON.

Wheeler, John C.....	Private.....	Co. H, 44th N. Y. Infantry.....	Oct. 14, 1910.	Boon.
Huffman, Aaron.....	Private.....	Co. A, 3rd N. Jersey Cavalry.....	Dec. 30, 1910.	Boon.

RUSSELL A. ALGER POST NO. 462, RAPID CITY.

Stover, A. J.....	Captain.....	Co. I, 51st Ohio Infantry.....	Mar. 4, 1910.	Rapid City.
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UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

The Thirty-Third Annual Encampment of this Department was held in the City of Ypsilanti, June 21, 22, 23, 1911, 50 years after the firing upon Fort Sumter and the beginning of the great war for the preservation of the Union. It was often said that Ypsilanti could not take care of the Encampment. The citizens, however, took hold of the work and great was their success. There was no lack for accommodations, every house in the city threw open its doors, and the comrades and members of the W. R. C., Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Veterans, and Sons of Veterans were made more than welcome and had nothing but words of praise for the patriotic citizens of Ypsilanti and their entertainment of the Encampment.

CHILDREN'S CAMPFIRE.

Wednesday Evening, June 21.

A Children's Campfire was first inaugurated and successfully carried out at the Encampment held in Kalamazoo in 1909, at the suggestion and under the inspiration of Patriotic Instructor M. C. Barney. The Children's Campfire was held in the Methodist church and the large edifice was filled to overflowing with exuberant enthusiasm.

Mrs. Adda Hall, Department President of the W. R. C., in an eloquent and patriotic address, presented the high school with a beautiful silk flag.

The exercises were all of an inspiring and patriotic spirit, Patriotic Instructor M. C. Barney giving an enthusiastic and patriotic address.

THURSDAY MORNING.

YPSILANTI, June 22, 1911.

The Thirty-Third Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic assembled in the Opera House at 9:30 a. m., to listen to the Address of Welcome and the Response.

The meeting was presided over by Hon. H. C. Rankin of Ypsilanti, who outlined the program for the day and introduced the speaker, as follows:

Now I just want to say to you that there is somebody else going to welcome you, they have left that to somebody better than I am, somebody with the gift of tongue, some one whose father was an officer in a cavalry regiment, a man who got his inspiration from the immortal Custer and Sheridan, and as it were, breathed into the daughter that came to bless his home the same spirit,—breathed that intensity of patriotism into a living frame, and so this daughter, Mrs. Phillips, daughter of a cavalry officer during the war, and one, who it seems to me catches the inspiration just as Congressman Gardner does and as hosts of others do—on behalf of Ypsilanti, Department Commander Lawrence, and Adjutant General Wyckoff, Quartermaster Starkweather, and the other members of the Staff, and the G. A. R., and the W. R. C., you will now listen to an address of welcome by Mrs. Stena Billings Phillips.

MRS. PHILLIPS.

Commander, members of the official staff, ladies of the auxiliary societies, and members of the Grand Army of the Republic: I consider it an honor, and privilege in behalf of the Grand Army of this city, the ladies of the W. R. C., and our loyal citizens to bid you a hearty welcome, and although I realize my unfitness, yet being the daughter of a veteran who has brought me up to honor and revere everything connected with the name of the Grand Army—it has been instilled into my heart to love and honor the soldiers, and I want to assure you that the words of welcome come from a loyal heart. We all know there is no word so sweet to the ear when spoken from the heart, as the one word Welcome.

And while we bid you enter our city, and extend to you a cordial greeting, we realize the honor conferred upon us by the assembling of those boys who from '61 to '65 rose in their might from ocean to ocean, gathered up their knapsacks and gave up their youth in the morning of life that liberty might thrive. History is full of wars and almost the story of the world is written in blood but never before has history shown such a vast body of intelligent men drawn from all trades and walks of life following one single leader, the immortal Lincoln, and risking so much for so little reward. It was not for money that you enlisted, for the \$13 a month could easily have been doubled at home. It was not for honor, for you had no kings to elevate. It was not for the glory of man, for Americans have had no special idols, it was to have a nation of states, a new form of government. Four million human beings were slaves but when Lincoln called you to fight for those human rights, from the North, East, South and West, came the hurrying multitudes with conflicting ideas of union, and this union, freedom, and slavery.

The first gun fired on Fort Sumter was the voice of destiny calling on our young republic to do battle for its life and at the call of Lincoln, you fell into rank, brigade on brigade, regiment on regiment, corps on corps, you left all that was near and dear to you, dared death, met its shock, starved in prison pens, burned up with fever, suffered the heat and dust of the southern climate, the swamps and miasma, loathsome prisons, the dreadful privations of hunger and sickness. Cannons tore holes in your ranks, but still there were more ready to say, "We are coming, Father Abraham, one hundred thousand strong." We read how the Army of the Potomac wasted with disease, how the army staid with Grant in front of Vicksburg until that place gave way, and the great battle of Gettysburg, one of the greatest battlefields in history—here the tide of the rebellion reached its highest flood, here throbbed the heart of the nation in the agonies of war. During all these great battles, our Capital at Washington was one big hospital. There were 50,000 sick and wounded soldiers there, praying to die, and they were bringing them in every day, boatload after boatload, 150,000 scattered all over the country, you could not mention a place in the whole north but what there was a suffering soldier there. And I pause and ask, can we of this generation realize the terrible cost, the fearful sacrifice to keep the stars and stripes aloft? 67,000 were killed in battle, 43,000 died of wounds, 25,000 from accidents, 224,000 in hospitals, 67,000 in prison, making a total of over 420,000 men who went down to death, that you might demonstrate to the world that a government can exist for the people and by the people.

When the call to arms came, it was a noted host that Michigan sent to the front, Shafter, Sheridan, Spaulding, Wilcox, Richardson, Alger and Duffield memory fails when I try to recall that brave host. Michigan troops were

the first to cross Long Bridge into Virginia. It was a Michigan regiment that assisted in the capture of Jefferson Davis. Yes, 90,000 of our brave sons kissed their loved ones goodbye and over one-fourth of them sleep in southern graves while another quarter were maimed for life. While we meet here today to welcome you soldiers, I say there were silent factors in that great conflict whose praise it is not the custom to sing, and yet who bore all the burdens of war. I allude to the loyal women, pitying, self-sacrificing—every city and every hamlet had its women's aid society, who prepared comforts for the boys at the front, the wives, the mothers, the sisters, who gave up their loved ones, and assumed the duties of caring for the homes and the little ones and laboring and expecting that perhaps their loved ones at the front, were among the missing.

It would seem to me today, that if my little boy were old enough to be called to the front that I could not stand the strain and anxiety, but ever and anon, would be waiting and expecting to hear the awful tidings "Missing." I did not see that tornado of woe that swept the nation until there was one dead in nearly every home, but I do know this land is ours because you suffered for us. We know our flag is honored north, east, south and west because your blood reclaimed it and through our recent wars the old bitter sectional animosities have been wiped out forever and let us not forget to pay a loving tribute to the boys who fell in following the example set by the boys of '61. You are the survivors of one of the grandest armies ever mustered. You have taught the nation a nobler and a higher idea of duty. It has been the soldier's work that has educated our nation, so that today upon our school-houses floats our stars and stripes and every little boy who salutes the flag pays a tribute to the boys in blue. If you wish to see the veteran's country, look around you, you will see a land teeming with intellect and mechanical industries. The strongest nation acknowledges our power and the most enlightened honors our attainments. There is a deep sadness connected with this reunion.

"Every golden sun that sets,
Every silvery moon that rises,
Brings nearer and nearer that inevitable day
When the last veteran shall be summoned thither."

As I saw you boys falling into line today, with the old flag by your side, I could not help feeling a bit of sadness. I saw here some of you with tottering steps, some of you with sightless eyes, some of you with empty sleeves, but your hearts have lost nothing for they were still the hearts of soldiers.

A new generation now stands on the shores of peace, gazing at the remnant of a once mighty host. It seems to me a privilege to stand here and to meet with these boys and to listen to the stories from the living defenders of this union, to listen to the stories of men who marched with Sherman to the sea, who fought at Corinth, Lookout and Donaldson. You inspire in our hearts a feeling of patriotism, and in a moment of danger, not one million, but ten million will rise up in arms to proclaim to the world the doctrine of peace.

Our republic is entering upon a career of promise unequalled in the history of nations and yet in the forenoon of our greatness. Seeing all these things, remembering the price paid for this heritage may we, daughters and sons, guard your posts of honor faithfully. May we teach our children and our children's children that lesson of patriotism, and may we keep your memory fresh and beautiful through all the coming years, forever loved and honored

by Americans. Yours has been the suffering, ours shall be the memory. Once more we bid you a hearty welcome.

Commander Lawrence: Comrades, and ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps, ladies of the G. A. R.: I think a mistake has been made. I think some other man could have been selected to answer to this address of welcome that has been made, but it seems the lot has fallen upon me. We accept your invitation and we accept your words of welcome, realizing when they come from the lips of a woman like this, whose father unsheathed his sword and fought for the flag, that it means a world to us. Comrades, the manner in which we have been received in this city has demonstrated to us that we have been welcome. The doors of the homes of the people are thrown open to us, and we are welcome guests to the city of Ypsilanti. Fifty long years after the beginning of the war, some have thought that we would have been forgotten, but no, the older we get, the nearer we come to the hearts of the coming generation. These young people, my comrades, a large per cent of them, have the blood coursing through their veins, as our sister, from the soldier, they are patriotic. As this lady has said, there was loyalty and love of country when the soldiers responded to the call to arms, the \$13 a month cut no figure, they never thought of that, they thought of saving this nation and building it up for the coming generation, the greatest nation under the canopy of heaven and I accept your words of welcome in behalf of the Grand Army, assuring you that we appreciate all that has been done for the Grand Army in this convention.

Comrade Seaman sang a song of his own composing, entitled "Union, Love and Liberty."

THURSDAY EVENING.

CAMP-FIRE.

Song by Quartette from Fairbanks Post of Detroit, Accompanist, Mrs. Boyce.

Hon. H. C. Rankin presided, and introduced Governor Osborn.

Governor Osborn: Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: I do not know just how to address you at a camp-fire, I cannot quite call you comrades because some splendid brave old hero—and I want to always call them heroes, and I want to call their wives heroines—said that I was in the infantry when you went to war, so I cannot call you comrades, but I can always call you brothers and sisters, and that is what I am going to call you.

It was perfectly splendid to see the men in the marching column today, they looked like boys again. The outside casement had worn a little, and now and then a scratch or a furrow, but the works inside, the heart and the soul were going on in the same unison that made them keep step with the pulse that mixes their blood with that of '76, they were just a lot of boys again and when I consider that in the state of Michigan there are 24,000 of the old heroes left and only about 9,500 of them belong to the G. A. R., I cannot understand it. I wish they could all be here and know exactly how all of Michigan loves them. And I wish all the state soldiery, young men now, who are brave and willing but who may never be confronted with the crisis that confronted you, I wish they might have been here today, all of them, that they might have seen how we loved and how we honor and how we respect those who bore the stress of the forefront of battle and offered

up their lives for their country. For it is said that "Greater love hath no man than that a man giveth his life for a friend." A man that giveth his life for his country, or offereth his life for his country, giveth all that mankind has to give and so I felt the blood surging through my veins today and thrill after thrill to seize my frame when I saw the splendid old citizens in years but young citizens in heartfulness and in spirit, traverse the streets under the beating sun this afternoon, and I thank you all in the name of the people, 3,000,000 now. There were only 800,000 when you went to the war but 3,000,000 people today, in Michigan pay you homage and I believe that they wish that everything that you desire may be yours and I pledge you, sirs, that if you are to need at any time any thing insofar as I have the power, you are to get it and you are not to be mendicants and you are not to be thought of as charitable individuals. Whatever you get from the state, however much you may get of it, or wherever you get it, you have earned it long ago by your sacrifices, and so, Ypsilanti, and Michigan, belong to you.

It is rather difficult when you contrast the conditions of peace and happiness and of lawfulness and of all things that obtain for happiness here tonight to contrast those conditions with those times of '61, and I may think something of being governor now and there may be some problems now, for each age bringeth its problems, but no governor in all the history of Michigan, or of the history of tomorrow, or of Michigan, has ever, or will ever have come to face such conditions and such a crisis as Austin Blair faced. Only Providence could have given to Michigan a better war governor than Austin Blair. It is well that your distinguished chairman, himself a brave soldier, may have referred to other war governors, Buckingham of Connecticut and Yates of Illinois, and also the governor of Indiana,—they were all men of distinction—it is an open question whether, when times were bluest, when people were most depressed, it is an open question whether the splendid courage, the persistent manfulness, the fine spirit of Austin Blair did not awaken a new determination in the hearts and in the minds of even those governors because you know at a time when the tide ran low, when the north was gloomy indeed, when the battles had not gone the way we thought they ought to, when that time was, in 1862, and the campaign around Richmond had failed, the early one, then the loyal governors of the north, those I have named, and a few others met at Altoona, in Pennsylvania, and they were depressed, indeed, but Austin Blair was there, with his fine spirit, his fine manhood, courage, and he inspired and inspirited all of his associates and he alone has written copiously and comprehensively of that famous and very important war meeting.

I am not going to keep you in this hot room—not as hot, though, as Antietam or Chattanooga or Shiloh, not as hot as that. He was born in 1818, and just to remind you that he was an educated man, you know this state of ours is famous for its schools, we have a famous school at Ypsilanti; he went to Casnovia and then finished at Union College and then back to Jackson, 23 years old to become a Michigan man. In 1844 he went to the Legislature and he was so submerged, so seized with that spirit of freedom and of the spirit of manhood that in that Legislature he endeavored to have stricken from the constitution of Michigan the word white, and because he did that, and because he early saw all of those things, that make for differences, to make trouble in this country, because of that, the Whig party drummed him out of its ranks, and failed to return him to the Legislature. It did not kill Austin Blair, but that act, and other acts killed the Whig party. Austin Blair was bigger than his party. He came into office as governor of Michigan

in January, 1861. You remember it, Mr. Private Secretary of the Great War Governor, you, who were in sympathy with him, you remember that Michigan owed more than \$2,000,000, a population of 800,000 and that McKinney, the dishonest, defaulting treasurer, had left the treasury absolutely empty and the state without credit, and then the war alarm sounded and the great black clouds floated northward but nothing daunted, the fine courage of Blair asserted itself, and he went down with gentlemen to Detroit and at a little meeting in the Michigan exchange there at Detroit—I don't blame the men of Detroit today for being proud of Detroit, we are all proud of Detroit—Detroit city itself pledged \$50,000 then and there that day to help Austin Blair and the cause of the north, and other splendid citizens of Ypsilanti, Kalamazoo, Jackson, Detroit, Howell, and elsewhere pledged \$30,000 more, and that day, you undoubtedly remember it, Mr. Secretary, and you may have been present, they raised a little more than \$81,000, just to show their belief in old Michigan and their confidence in the Union and so, from that time onward, in a financial manner, the way was smoother and the pathway was not so hard to tread. Before the end of that year of '61 Austin Blair and those after him had sent out 13 regiments of infantry, three of cavalry and five batteries of artillery.

Michigan went into Alexandria, went into the forefront, and everywhere Michigan men fought, everywhere their shouts were with the victorious and never were there groans of complaint. They were men all the time, every inch a man and all of the time. And no wonder, then, when Austin Blair laid down the robes of office said that the deepest regret of his life was his parting from those men who had been so true to Michigan and their country.—He was not only to heed the welfare of the man who went to the front, but he and others like him and those after him who made up the splendid, harmonious legislature, voted \$15, I think, a month, to every family that needed help in Michigan. Such was the spirit of bankrupt Michigan. What, if that was the spirit of Michigan at that time, ought we not to do now, three million strong. It seems to me we ought to go on making our beloved state worthy and more worthy of these men because you know 90,000 went out, 15,000 lie upon the battle ground, and the men who came back, some of them crippled, make them worthy and more worthy of those who went to the southland, those who stayed there, and those who came back. And then, too, Austin Blair said, "I commend this Michigan soldiery to the keeping of all of the people of Michigan," and we wish to keep that trust well. That is why I said a moment ago, that everything you may ever get from Michigan, you have earned. You have paid for it in advance. It is the spirit of Michigan now, as it was then, to honor, to love, to protect, and to help in every way, our soldiers of '61. And so, my friends, and I am going to close by just saying this, because it seems to me the biggest thing in my mind,—that Austin Blair's life was one of service. He not only served as War Governor, and in the legislature of 1844, but he served as regent of the University of Michigan and he served in the 40th, 41st, and 42nd Congress, always with credit. And then I like him for his independence of mind. I like him for that spirit—I do not say that I entirely agree, but I do love the man who always does that which he is called to do, and does it manfully. He supported Greeley, and he supported Tilden, and in 1874 he ran as democratic candidate for governor. I think he must have thought himself more or less wrong, because he came back to the fold again. I say our fold,—he came back to the fold again, you know he was a regent, as I have said, elected by the republican party, and we are not talking politics—he was the republican

candidate for the Supreme Court in 1884, and he served up to almost the last hour of his life, he served the people, and he served the state that he loved. He died in 1890.

He was in the service of the state and Austin Blair, you will remember, Mr. Secretary, was wont to repeat, often and anon,

"Let fools for forms of government contest,
That which is best desired is best."

And so he went to Pope. He was a scholarly man in every way, and he always sought to do his duty and I asked his Secretary, just a moment ago what he considered to be the prominent thing of his life and he said he thought his unwavering honesty, his unswerving integrity, and his love of service of Michigan, and that is the spirit that we must have. That is the spirit that you had, that is the spirit that our daughters and our sons must have, and all the happiness in the world comes from love from the heart, love of the Almighty that gave to the state you men and Austin Blair, the name of the God of battles that perfected you and brought you here, the name of him who giveth all things to them, the love of service, unselfish, earnest, deep, true service. I thank you. It is a privilege to be here, it is one of the compensations of the governorship of this state to be permitted to have seen you men this afternoon, to meet this man here who left as the chairman said, his arm at Gettysburg. Michigan left more slain at Gettysburg pro rata than any other state in the Union. How splendid it was that the only envy, that the only contest, the only competition was to see who could muster quickest and lay down his life for the flag. I thank you.

The chairman then introduced Major-General Gilman of Boston, who spoke as follows:

Comrade Gilman: Comrades and Friends: Hot as the night is, we are all glad we have come here for we have been electrified by your eloquent governor, and I thought as he was speaking, that Austin Blair, for all he did during the great war, was well repaid by the splendid eulogy pronounced by the eloquent Chase S. Osborn. To have performed any deed that would bring such eulogium from such a man is honor enough, and so, my comrades of Michigan, I congratulate you that it was your good fortune to have served the state of Michigan in those terrible days of the War of the Rebellion. You had the good war governor indeed, but your good war governor had good war soldiers, and I want the people to understand that. Without the soldiers of Michigan, Austin Blair, could not have been a good war governor. As I said today, we comrades deem it very fortunate that we were born early enough to be permitted to fight in that war for there was something worth fighting for. There was unity to fight for and there was humanity to fight for. Unity of the states and freedom for the slaves. We of the United States were always brought up to believe that we lived in a free country—we call it a free country. We boasted of our free country, our flags flew at the mastheads of our vessels in foreign ports and the people there pointed to the flag and longed to be in the land which that flag represented because, as they believed, that flag stood for a free country. Yet they realized that under that flag there were four millions of God's created beings held in slavery. You boys were brought up, as I said, to believe that every man created by God was free and equal. You knew that the Declaration of Independence said so, and when the time arrived, and it was a question whether our constitution would be longer violated, you took the question into your hands, and you decided the question. You fought through four long years, you

fought over 2,000 battle fields and when you got through, there was unity of the states, and liberty for all who lived beneath the American flag. We comrades have been proud of our record. We have been patting ourselves on the back for the battles we fought and the victories that we won and we have done right but we are not selfish men, and because we are not selfish, we always gave credit to others who fought the battles of that great war. You know what the poet said,

"The greatest of battles that ever were fought,
Shall I tell you where or when?
On the maps of the world you will find it not,
It was fought by the mothers of men."

There comrades, is where we are not selfish, we do not claim that we fought all the battles of the war. We realize that great battles were fought in the homes that we left. We remember so vividly how the dear mothers hung about our necks, how they cried over us, how they pressed us to their breasts and when we were parting, how they lifted their hands and asked Almighty God to protect their dear boys and send them back to those who loved them. And then they took up the battle at home. That was a great battle. There was no cheering for them when the enemy was whipped, there was no waving of the flag for them to encourage them, it was all one long, terrible strife with them. Their hearts never knew an instant's peace or repose while the boy was at the front. They thought of him during the day lovingly, longingly, and they wondered if the boy they bore if the boy they loved and cherished was not lying on some bloody field, or was not dying in some hospital and oh, how they longed to be by the boy's side and minister to his wants and ease his pain and to whisper in his ears words of cheer and encouragement. And then at night, they put the little ones, the younger ones to bed, and kneeled by the bedside and prayed, oh, how fervently to the Father of us all, to send back the missing one. What the mothers did in those days, the wives did. They hung about their husband's necks, they cried over them, their hearts beat quicker when their dear husband left them but they put a smile on their faces and their eyes lit up and they bade their husband good-bye, "Do your duty, I will be proud of you when you come home." Then they went home to the little ones, and they patted them on the heads, and they put them in their little beds, and they kneeled down, and oh, the tears that fell from their eyes during those four long years. Praying, oh, so fervently, for the father of their children, the husband that they promised to love and cherish until he would come back and take his place in the family.

There were others, too, there were sisters, as you know, boys, our playmates, our schoolmates, who went with us to school, when little ones, hand in hand, the sisters who hid our faults from father and mother, and who always stood by us, and oh, the battles they fought, how they suffered, when news of the battle came. There were others, the sweethearts, for you know, all the boys that went to war had sweethearts. It was natural for them. They were just those kind of fellows. They loved everybody. They loved humanity. But they loved, more than all, the dear girls.

A Voice: They haven't got over it yet, have they?

Comrade Gilman: No, they haven't got over it yet, they have loved them ever since. but oh, how they loved them then, and how many of the dear girls, much as they loved their beaux, were glad to see them become soldiers. I believe that the government owes to the dear girls many thou-

sands of soldiers that they never otherwise would have had. You know how it is, Sarah Jones' fellow had enlisted, and Maria Brown's fellow had not, and the next time Maria's fellow called on Maria he did not receive such a warm welcome, and he marvelled at it, he could not understand it, and it kept up for two or three visits, and finally he says, "Why, look here, Maria, you don't seem to be as you were, have I done anything?" "No, you haven't done anything, and it is just because you haven't done anything that I have changed." "What could I have done?" "Why, Sarah Jones' fellow has a uniform, he is a soldier, he is a brave man, he is going to fight for his country. My fellow stays at home, he is not a soldier, he is not a brave man, he is afraid he might be hit by the enemies of his country." Well, what could Maria's fellow do after that, I ask you, he just went and enlisted, to make himself solid with his girl, and then, having enlisted, he was just as proud as Maria was, he patted himself on the back, and he says to himself, "I am a soldier of the Union," and oh, how proud he felt. Some of you fellows I am looking at now, are the very fellows I am talking about. You were just as proud as a peacock when you got that uniform on, and oh, how proud you were when you could walk down the street, clad in blue, with your Maria on your arm, and how proud Maria was when she could say to the other girls, "My fellow is a soldier; my fellow is a brave man; he is going to fight the battles for the Union," and so they went to war. The girls bade goodbye to their fellows, and they promised each other, that when the war was over he would come back and then they would be married and live happily ever after. Many of them did, but many of them never came home. Many of the finest young men who laid on the battle field when the battle was over, never returned. Many of those young men went to the hospital, and suffered agonies for months and months, and then entered the better land. And what of the girls they left behind them. You know what the poet says, he is speaking of the young officer, the dashing young officer, handsome, brave, gallant, who went down at the dead of the dark night to visit the picket post, and the bullet came out from the dark forest and entered into his heart, and he fell from his horse, and they carried him back, and the poet goes on to say that

That fatal bullet went on speeding forth until,
It reached the town in the distant north,
"Till it reached the house in a sunny street,
Till it reached a heart that ceased to beat;
Without a murmur, without a cry,
And a bell was tolled in that far off town
For one who had changed a cross for a crown,
And the neighbors wondered that she should die."

How many of those dear girls who were affianced to the soldier boys and those soldier boys never came home, how many of those dear girls did not survive, but went down to the grave soon after the news of the death of their lovers, but many of them did survive. They fought the great battles of the war, fought the bitter battles of the war, they went through all these years with broken hearts, and then they began to think of the other soldiers, how much they needed help and so they took up the work of helping the soldiers, these splendid, loyal women of the north took up the work of going into the hospital, taking in things to the soldiers, reading to them, writing letters for them, and sometimes often listening to the dying words of the soldiers, taking their last messages to loved ones in the distant homes.

Boys, you and I are proud that we are living today. And that we fought the great battles of the war for unity and for freedom of humanity. Let us never forget that we were ably aided by the women of the war, the mothers, the wives, the sisters, the daughters, and the lovers, and let us give credit to them, let us congratulate ourselves today, my comrades, at this splendid assemblage of loyal women who love you for your services, who love the country that you saved, who love the flag under which you fought, and who spend their lives in teaching patriotism to the generations now children, in order that should the time come in the future, when we are gathered to our fathers and our land be plunged in war, there will then be, as there was 50 years ago, a loyal manhood and loyal womanhood who will respond to the call of such men as Austin Blair and of women who will urge that manhood on to fight for the country, to fight for the right, and to fight for the dear old flag.

Song by a male quartette of Ypsilanti Normal School.

Department Commander read a poem written by Huntley S. Russell.

Poem written upon the occasion of the sealing of the battle flags of the State of Michigan in glass cases built for that purpose in the rotunda of the capitol, at Lansing, Michigan.

HUNTLEY RUSSELL,
Commissioner of the State Land Office.

God of the Battles and the Blood!
God of the Home and God of Love!
Look down from thy throne on us we pray,
And bless these flags that we furl today. (1)

Flags all rent and tattered and torn,
Flags without color and flags without form,
Were it not for the staff, some you'd never call flags;
And some just a mass of tangled rags.

But bless them, O God, for the good they've done,
Bless the men who bore them, or followed on, (2)
Those human targets for shot and shell,
Who grasped the haft when its bearer fell.

And bore these emblems of Liberty's might,
Those unarmed heroes in every fight, (3)
Who staggered up mountain, parapet and wall,
The welcome goal of the minie ball.

Motionless, you now rest here in state,
But thy silence—a perpetual oration—
Will teach the children yet unborn,
The glorious past of our great nation.

Which one of you heard Lincoln's speech
Before that clash at Gettysburg?
Which one saw Sheridan borne along
On flying hoofs that scorched the road?

Which one confined in prison pen,
Was buried safe from hostile eye, (4)
Or, wrapped beneath a ragged coat,
When free once more was waved on high?

O Flags! Dear flags! In every heart,
The patriotic fire still flames,
With trembling hand we seal thee now,
With moistened eye we read the names

Of Company, and Regiment, and Corps,
Of thousands and thousands gone before, ⁽⁵⁾
Victims of carnage, hospital, or fetter,
A hundred names for each single letter.

No more the ringing battle shout,
The bugle call, the fife, or drum,
The bloody impact of the charge,
Loved Banners! Your waving days are done.

Four flags are missing from their racks
In this great Capitol's rotunda,
No one can tell their resting place,
Whether victims of charge, or fire, or plunder. ⁽⁶⁾

But bless these flags wher'er they be,
Whether North, or South, or East, or West,
In foreign clime, or beneath the sea,
God bless these flags when you bless the rest.

A grateful people have fixed this place,
Old Flags, could you ask a fairer fate?
Sleep sweet, in thy caskets of steel and plate, ⁽⁷⁾
In this Holy of Holies of our great state.

^{1.} Most of the regiments were presented with flags by the people of the state and all had full stands of colors given by the government before their return to the state from the war. One hundred fifty-six Michigan battle flags are now in permanent cases in the Capitol rotunda.

^{2.} Ninety-one thousand Michigan soldiers in the Rebellion; seven thousand ten in the Spanish war.

^{3.} Four color bearers killed and three wounded at the battle of Gettysburg, of the Twenty-fourth Michigan Infantry, while bearing one of these flags at the head of the regiment.

^{4.} Flags were buried in southern prisons and concealed by prisoners to prevent their capture, by being wrapped around their bodies beneath the clothing.

^{5.} Fourteen thousand eight hundred and fifty-five Michigan men killed in the Civil War. Bronze plates giving history of the deaths in each regiment are attached to each flag case.

^{6.} Second Michigan Cavalry, Twenty-second, Seventh and Eighth Michigan Infantry flags are missing.

^{7.} The flags are placed in the rotunda of the Capitol at Lansing in eight heavily constructed steel cases with curved plate glass fronts, each case weighing two thousand two hundred pounds.

The chairman then introduced Hon. Charles Flowers of Detroit.

Mr. Flowers: Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, soldiers of the Union, veterans and friends: While the distinguished commander was speaking this evening, of the olden times of the war, and referring to those that went through the war, there came to my mind something which has been in my memory for a number of years, and that was the marvelous address given by Col. Ingersoll in 1876 at the soldiers' reunion at Indianapolis, and before I proceed to make a few remarks of an original character, you will pardon me if I repeat to you the words of the distinguished orator, in which he pictures the scenes of the war, and if my memory will retain all those words, I should be pleased to have your close attention because there never was anything uttered, it seems to me, in the English language no more eloquent and touching than those remarks of Col. Ingersoll.

Remarks by Mrs. Hall of the W. R. C., and Mrs. Pierson of Ann Arbor, the newly elected Department President, was introduced to the assembly, but did not make any remarks.

Song by Mrs. Dubell closed the exercises of the Camp-Fire.

GENERAL ORDERS ISSUED.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
HOLLAND, MICH., June 23, 1910.

General Orders, No. 1.

Having this day been elected and installed Commander of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, I accept the position and assume the duties of the office.

I most heartily thank my Comrades for the honor given me and ask the aid of all my Comrades in every effort made for the advancement of our order and the best results will surely follow.

The 44th National Encampment will be held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, September 19 to 24. Be sure and join Michigan's ranks and make a good showing for our own dear state.

Post Commanders are requested to send the names of good, active Comrades for appointment as aide-de-camp on the staff of the Department Commander, these names should be sent to headquarters at Lansing.

Post Commanders and Delegates are urged to attend Encampments, they have been honored by their Comrades and should not think their obligation ceases when their term of office expires. Their absence deprives their Comrades of the voice and vote due them at Encampments.

Comrades, try and interest all who do not attend Post meetings to do so. Get in close touch. Stand closer and aid, cheer and comfort each other in our work of fraternity, charity and loyalty.

We have missed the friendly hand clasp of our dear Post Commanders Van Raalte, Daboll and Holmes. Let us close up our ranks and work this year for harmony and growth, notwithstanding our unavoidable loss by death. Post Commanders are requested to have General Orders Nos. 1 and 2 published in local papers.

The following appointment is announced: Assistant Adjutant General, Fayette Wyckoff, Post 42, Lansing.

All official communications should be addressed to the Assistant Adjutant General at Lansing, Mich. Personal correspondence for the Department Commander should be addressed to Northville, Mich.

Your Commander will endeavor to serve you this year with fraternity, charity and loyalty.

SAMUEL J. LAWRENCE,
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, July 7, 1910.

General Orders, No. 2, Series 1910-11.

1. National Department General Orders No. 6 accompany these orders. In it will be found important information relative to the Forty-fourth National Encampment to be held at Atlantic City, N. J., the week of September 19, 1910. These orders should receive careful attention, and kept for future reference.

2. At the Thirty-second Department Encampment, Department of Michigan, G. A. R., held at Holland, June 21, 22 and 23, the following named comrades were elected to the several offices named:

Department Commander, Samuel L. Lawrence, Post 318, Northville.
Senior Vice Department Commander, A. J. Ward, Post 262, Holland.
Junior Vice Department Commander, Geo. I. Nash, Post 57, Marcellus.
Medical Director, W. W. Root, Post 441, Mason.
Department Chaplain, Rev. Wm. Putnam, Post 42, Lansing.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

R. B. Davis, Post 10, Dundee.
Henry Spaulding, Post 20, Hartford.
J. S. French, Post 395, Grand Rapids.
Geo. Raab, Post 145, Flint.
M. D. Richardson, Post 365, Lake City.

3. The following Staff Appointments are hereby announced:
Assistant Adjutant General, Fayette Wyckoff, Post 42, Lansing.
Assistant Quartermaster General, E. K. Starkweather, Post 318, Northville.
Judge Advocate, Oscar Palmer, Post 240, Grayling.
Department Inspector, D. S. Kimball, Post 17, Detroit.
Patriotic Instructor, M. C. Barney, Post 145, Flint.
Chief Mustering Officer, E. B. Kille, Post 101, Ithaca.
Chief of Staff, L. H. Ives, Post 441, Mason.
Senior Aide-de-camp, Cornelius O'Dwyer, Post 433, Detroit.
Color Sergeant, A. L. Bryant, Post 255, Mayville.
They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

4. The following standing and special committees are hereby announced:

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

George W. Stone, Post 42, Lansing.
Frank R. Chase, Post 126, Belding.
H. A. Clute, Post 166, Marshall.

COMMITTEE TO VISIT SOLDIERS' HOME.

D. C. Spears, Post 10, Azalia.
Lester J. Kenney, Post 42, Lansing.
G. T. Converse, Post 38, Saginaw.

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Fred Schneider, Post 42, Lansing.
Samuel B. Dixon, Post 17, Detroit.
R. C. Blair, Post 382, Lake Odessa.

5. The following named comrades were elected as delegates and alternates to the Forty-fourth National Encampment, to be held at Atlantic City, N. J.:

DELEGATES.

W. G. Gage (At Large), Post 38, Saginaw.
 John Devlin, Post 433, Detroit.
 Luther Fry, Post 25, Blissfield.
 David Walkinshaw, Post 166, Marshall.
 Chas. W. Erwin, Post 14, Benton Harbor.
 P. H. McBride, Post 262, Holland.
 Lester J. Kenney, Post 42, Lansing.
 Geo. W. Howe, Post 98, Port Huron.
 Wm. N. Stocker, Post 156, St. Johns.
 Porter P. Misner, Post 7, Muskegon.
 Griffin Lewis, Post 67, Bay City.
 Jos. H. Powell, Post 16, Sears.
 P. C. Beanston, Post 300, Marquette.
 Albert Dunham, Post 48, Jackson.
 David S. Howard, Post 147, Pontiac.
 Rhoda O'Mara, Post 1, Soldiers' Home.
 G. A. B. Cook, Post 72, Three Rivers.
 "Ren" Barker, Post 451, Reed City.
 William Wilson, Post 372, Benzonia.
 W. H. Beasley, Post 101, Ithaca.
 Albert H. Ackerman, Post 7, Muskegon.

ALTERNATES.

Carl Engle, Post 17, Detroit.
 Geo. W. Hurd, Post 10, Dundee.
 Aaron Miller, Post 79, Kalamazoo.
 Henry Spaulding, Post 20, Hartford.
 Steve Mallery, Post 382, Lake Odessa.
 Geo. W. Stone, Post 42, Lansing.
 A. J. West, Post 98, Port Huron.
 Geo. J. Dart, Post 402, Akron.
 Geo. W. Wheeler, Post 461, Boone.
 William Barrett, Post 278, West Bay City.
 John Scott, Post 8, Ishpeming.
 A. L. Bryant, Post 255, Mayville.
 J. O. Probasco, Post 100, Muir.
 D. C. Spears, Post 10, Azalia.
 Hope Welch, Post 45, Adrian.
 J. S. Wild, Post 17, Detroit.
 Henry Spaulding, Post 20, Hartford.
 J. H. Stevens, Post 32, Battle Creek.
 L. J. Merchant, Post 14, Benton Harbor.

6. In making the following appointments as Aide-de-Camps to represent their respective Posts on the staff of the Department Commander, he wishes to say, you are expected to do something to help make this year a successful one, get some comrade to join our ranks, always display Old Glory on National Holidays, write to your Department Commander and suggest something we may do for the benefit of our comrades and the Grand Army of the Republic.

AIDES DE CAMP.

Robert McKinstry, 316 Buhl Block, Post 17, Detroit.
John Moody, 70 Smith St., Post 17, Detroit.
Robert Bolger, Post 17, Detroit.
Eber Rice, Post 29, Grand Rapids.
William Stokes, Post 29, Grand Rapids.
Allen S. Shattuck, Post 42, Lansing.
Theo. E. Potter, Post 42, Lansing.
Elwin C. Scutt, Post 42, Lansing.
Byron Tripp, Post 43, Blissfield.
John Bently, Post 43, Blissfield.
William Gimbert, Post 45, Adrian.
B. F. Graves, Post 45, Adrian.
Asa W. Aldrich, Post 45, Adrian.
William Bradley, Post 45, Adrian.
Geo. S. Mann, Post 45, Adrian.
W. W. Warner, Post 56, Allegan.
Aaron Miller, Post 79, Kalamazoo.
Chas. W. Higgins, Post 98, Port Huron.
E. S. Post, Post 98, Port Huron.
E. S. Petit, Post 98, Port Huron.
Alex. Brown, Post 82, Nashville.
A. T. Rowley, Post 82, Nashville.
Lorane C. Madison, Post 66, East Jordan.
C. M. Hall, Post 88, Union City.
A. W. Wager, Post 95, Flat Rock.
F. M. Reed, Post 95, Flat Rock.
W. D. Southworth, Post 108, Grand Ledge.
Geo. H. Turner, Post 109, Coldwater.
G. W. Norton, Post 111, Eaton Rapids.
R. D. Woodworth, Post 120, Howell.
John W. LaRue, Post 141, Lakeview.
T. A. Willett, Post 145, Flint.
Daniel C. Nale, Post 147, Pontiac.
D. Judson Hammond, Post 147, Pontiac.
John Powers, Post 147, Pontiac.
John McCredie, Post 162, Detroit.
Geo. W. Moore, Post 184, Detroit.
Samuel Smith, Post 184, Detroit.
Henry Lees, Post 261, Wayne.
A. S. Hill, Post 261, Wayne.
R. Munroe, Post 261, Wayne.
Sylvester Hall, Post 270, Ecorse.
Geo. Southwick, Post 360, Palmyra.
Frank S. Ring, Post 384, Detroit.
Frank C. Trowbridge, Post 384, Detroit.
Nicholas Wood, Post 384, Detroit.
Chas. Green, Post 350, Sand Lake.
Joseph Doherty, Post 393, Detroit.
Julius Forkel, Post 393, Detroit.
Wm. Barrett, Post 278, West Bay City.
James King, Post 404, Lavonia.

E. C. Bassett, Post 404, Lavonia.
 W. W. Bishop, Post 413, Wyandotte.
 John Wayman, Post 413, Wyandotte.
 Wm. Siggins, Post 433, Detroit.
 James M. C. Miller, Post 433, Detroit.
 O. D. Caldwell, Post 433, Detroit.
 Jay Douglass, Post 438, New Lathrop.
 John Spears, Post 438, New Lathrop.
 Henry J. Northrop, Post 441, Mason.
 Theo. Bortel, Post 441, Mason.
 "Ren" Barker, Post 451, Reed City.
 Isaac Grant, Post 451, Reed City.
 Samuel Crum, Post 461, Boon.
 Squire Johnson, Post 45, Adrian.

It is the desire of the Department Commander to have Aides in every Post of the Department. Post Commanders are requested to send in names of Comrades who can and will help to make this a successful year.

Commissions will be issued to Aides de Camp who will write that they accept the appointment and desire them. It is also desirable that Aides secure the designated badge of their office and wear them at all post meetings and public gatherings.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS.

7. About two-thirds of the Posts have sent in their reports for the term ending June 30, 1910. Those who have not sent in their reports are urgently requested to do so within the next ten days, to enable the Assistant Adjutant General to comply with the request from National Headquarters, that his reports be sent in by August first.

This is a very important matter and Post Commanders are requested to see that these reports are made out and sent in to Department Headquarters at once, so that we will not be compelled to report them delinquent to National Headquarters. We are anxious to comply with the request from National Headquarters and have our report in on August 1st and can do so if Posts will heed this request and send in their reports immediately.

Blanks for these reports were sent to all Post Adjutants about the middle of May. If they have been lost, write immediately for more.

General Orders will be issued giving full particulars as to official route to Atlantic City, as soon as arrangements can be completed.

8. Michigan Headquarters will be located in the Hotel Ponce de Leon at Atlantic City, plenty of good rooms for all at reasonable rates, both on the American and European plan, there is ample room for all of Michigan's delegation and no crowding. Hotels are so numerous that the committee at Atlantic City have ordered that no hotel shall entertain but one Department. Under this arrangement Michigan can be housed under one roof and all be together.

INFORMATION WANTED.

The address of any member of Company H, 14th Michigan Infantry, who knew Conard Collins or Collier while in the service, by E. N. Carley, Coleman Mich.

Address wanted of L. Holmes, Captain of Company H, 2d Minnesota Infantry, by Oscar Bartlett, Post No. 233, Wales, Mich.

By command of

Official—

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R.

SAMUEL J. LAWRENCE,
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

CAPITOL, LANSING, Aug. 1, 1910.

General Orders, No. 3, Series 1910-11.

The Forty-fourth National Encampment will be held at Atlantic City, New Jersey, September 19-24, 1910.

OFFICIAL ROUTE.

The official route selected for the Department of Michigan is via the Wabash R. R. to Buffalo; the Lehigh Valley to Bethlehem, and the Philadelphia & Reading Railway to Philadelphia and Atlantic City. In purchasing your tickets be sure they read by the above route.

SPECIAL HEADQUARTERS TRAIN.

Special train will leave Fort St. Union Depot, Detroit, Saturday, September 17, at 4:00 p. m. Doubletrack roads from Detroit to Philadelphia. Train runs through to Philadelphia without change. A sufficient number of Pullman sleeping cars and Wabash reclining chair cars to accommodate all. Seats in reclining chair cars free. At Philadelphia we change and cross the beautiful Delaware river to Camden, whence the trip to Atlantic City, a distance of 56 miles, will be made over the Atlantic City division of the Philadelphia & Reading R. R. Arriving in Atlantic City 2 p. m. Sunday, September 18th.

The scenery which the passenger will enjoy who travels this route beggars description, the ride along the shore of beautiful Seneca Lake, Watkins Glen, the Susquehanna River, Wilkes Barre, Glen Summit Springs, Mauch Chunk, Glen Onoka, Bethlehem, where are situated the great steel works where the heavy armor plate and great steel guns for our navy are made, and last, but not least, the ever-changing mountain scenery of the Allegheny range.

TICKETS.

Tickets will be on sale September 16, 17, 18 and 19. Final return limit to reach starting point not later than midnight of September 29. No validation required if holder returns within this limit.

EXTENDED RETURN LIMIT.

Persons desiring an extension of time to October 28, 1910, can secure same by depositing tickets not later than 12:00 noon, September 28th, with Special Agent at Atlantic City, and paying a fee of \$1.00.

Side trips and stop over privileges, full particulars will be given in a circular to be issued by the railroads.

Returning, patrons will be allowed to use the palatial steamers of the D. & C. N. Co. between Buffalo and Detroit, using the railroad ticket for this portion of the journey. No extra charge except for sleeping accommodations and meals. Rooms, \$2.50; lower berth, \$1.50; upper berth, \$1.00. Room will accommodate three persons.

RAILROAD RATES.

The following round trip rates from points in Michigan are given:

Adrian.....	\$23 65	Ionia.....	\$27 10
Ann Arbor.....	24 55	Jackson.....	26 50
Battle Creek.....	25 95	Lansing.....	25 95
Bay City.....	26 85	Ludington.....	30 55
Charlotte.....	25 60	Monroe.....	24 70
Coldwater.....	25 05	Mt. Pleasant.....	27 70
Detroit.....	23 65	Owosso.....	26 00
Eaton Rapids.....	25 25	Port Huron.....	23 65
Grand Rapids.....	27 45	Saginaw.....	26 75
Howell.....	25 25	Three Rivers.....	26 50
Holland.....	27 50	Traverse City.....	29 30

Rates from other points can be obtained from your railroad agent.

SLEEPING CARS.

Reservations in Pullman sleepers can be secured by writing to A. F. Wolf-schlager, Ticket Agent Wabash R. R., No. 9 Fort St., Detroit, or from Assistant Adjutant General Fayette Wyckoff, Lansing, Mich.

Sleeping car rates to Philadelphia: Drawing room, \$13.00; section, \$7.00; double birth, \$3.50. Money must accompany application for reservation.

Make your reservations early.

MEALS.

Stops will be made at convenient points for lunches. A dining car will be attached at Sayre or Wilkes Barre for breakfast Sunday morning.

BAGGAGE.

The usual amount of baggage will be checked through to destination. Be sure and have name attached and baggage marked via Michigan Headquarters Special.

For further information write to R. S. Greenwood, Michigan Passenger Agent, Wabash R. R., Marquette Building, Chicago, Ill., or to H. H. Roberts, Passenger Agent, Lehigh Valley R. R., 7 Fort St. West, Detroit, Mich.

The Department Commander desires and especially urges that the delegation from Michigan and their friends avail themselves of the privileges and delightful scenery offered by this trip through New York state and Pennsylvania to the National Encampment by going on Headquarters Special.

HEADQUARTERS IN ATLANTIC CITY.

Headquarters for the Department of Michigan G. A. R. and the Woman's Relief Corps have been secured at the Hotel Ponce de Leon, Virginia Ave., Atlantic City. This hotel is second house from the beach and steel pier, where the business meetings of the Encampment will be held. It is centrally located and rates very reasonable.

American plan—\$2.50 and \$3.50 with bath. Large double rooms for two persons, \$5.00 and \$7.00 per day.

EUROPEAN PLAN, \$1.00 TO \$2.00 PER DAY.

By direction of the Hotel Committee of the Executive Committee, Atlantic City, "No hotel will be headquarters for more than one Department." so that Michigan will be the only Department in this hotel.

Accommodations are ample and it is desired that all of Michigan's delegation shall stop at Headquarters Hotel. Our friends from Michigan are also invited to avail themselves of the privilege and make up a large Michigan colony at the Ponce de Leon.

Headquarters will be in a large room on the ground floor where all are invited to call and register, and where you can arrange to meet friends and rest. "The Citizens' Executive Committee of Atlantic City request that arrangements for accommodations be made directly with hotels." Those desiring accommodations are requested to write early to Hotel Ponce de Leon, Atlantic City, N. J. State the accommodations you desire and for how many.

It is hoped that Michigan people will avail themselves of this opportunity and all put up at one hotel.

The following Comrades are detailed to assist at Headquarters and in registration:

Henry Spaulding, Post 20.

C. D. Spears, Post 10.

Hope Welch, Post 45.

DELEGATES' MEETING.

There will be a meeting of the Delegates of this Department at Headquarters room, Hotel Ponce de Leon, Tuesday, September 20th, at 7:30 p. m., to receive their Delegate Badges, select member for National Council of Administration, and to transact such other business as may be brought before them.

All Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander will report to Comrade L. H. Ives, Chief of Staff, upon their arrival in the city. He will be found at Department Headquarters.

Attention is called to the notice published in National General No. 6 relative to the Delegate badge. It will be seen that badges will be issued only to those in attendance at Atlantic City.

The following additional appointments as Aides-de-Camp are hereby announced and will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

A. S. Beardsley, Post 25, Ogden Center.

Simon D. Young, Post 26, Hart.

John H. Beckwith, Post 52, Pentwater.

E. B. Killie, Post 101, Ithaca.
N. M. Church, Post 101, Ithaca.
K. P. Peet, Post 101, Ithaca.
J. D. Shull, Post 140, Tecumseh.
H. W. Stevens, Post 140, Tecumseh.
James Ingersoll, Post 140, Tecumseh.
J. W. Smith, Post 205, Owosso.
Willard Knapp, Post 205, Owosso.

DELINQUENT POSTS.

A number of the Posts of this Department have not sent in their reports for the term ending June 30th. Commanders and Adjutants of Posts in arrears will see that reports are forwarded in compliance with Chapter V, Article III, Rules and Regulations.

Delegates to the National Encampment are requested to notify the Assistant Adjutant General, Fayette Wyckoff, Lansing, Mich., if they expect to attend the Encampment or not, so that alternates may be notified if necessary.

Official:

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Assistant Adjutant General.

By command of

SAMUEL J. LAWRENCE,
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
CAPITOL, LANSING, Oct. 28, 1910.

General Orders, No. 4, Series 1910-11.

The Forty-fourth National Encampment held at Atlantic City, Sept. 19-24, like many of its predecessors, was in every respect a great success. The enthusiasm and earnestness manifested by the comrades was in no wise diminished by their advancing years, it is a marvel that forty-five years after the close of the gigantic struggle for the preservation of our National Union, so many of the Nation's defenders could be brought together in National Encampment.

Atlantic City is an ideal place for holding so large a gathering. The abundance of hotel accommodation prevented any over crowding. The refreshing sea breeze, and delightful weather added much to the pleasure of the occasion, while the earnest and patriotic spirit of the citizens of the entertaining city, was unbounded and too much cannot be said in their praise.

The parade was one of the best, being strictly of a military character, and participated in by twenty thousand members of the Grand Army of the Republic and was over three hours in passing a given point.

The thanks of the Department Commander are due to all Comrades and friends who attended the National Encampment at Atlantic City. Doubtless many made personal sacrifices in order to be there, their presence was highly appreciated. While Michigan had comparatively few in number, none received more favorable comment than did our Comrades in line.

The official Drum Corps deserves special mention, they made a fine appearance and their old war tunes were certainly inspiring.

I wish, also, to thank the Woman's Relief Corps, our ever loyal auxiliary and the Ladies of the G. A. R. for courtesies extended.

The work of the Encampment was of great interest to all and the result of the work of the encampment will be of lasting good to our order, moderation and a spirit of comradeship prevailed throughout.

Some minor changes were made in the rules and regulations and in recommendations for pension legislation, which will no doubt soon be promulgated through general orders from National Headquarters.

INSPECTION.

Believing it is for the best interest of the Order, and in conformity to Section 1, Article 5, Chapter 5, Rules and Regulations.

A general inspection of all the Posts of this Department, is hereby ordered. The inspection is to be held prior to Dec. 31, 1910.

The Inspections will be under the direct supervision of D. S. Kimball, Department Inspector, 1295 Third Ave., Detroit, Mich.

To whom all reports must be sent.

As instant Inspectors will be detailed on request of Post Commanders.

Posts are reminded that there is no special fund provided by the Department for paying the expense of inspection. Posts desiring the detail of an Inspector from some other Post, will be expected to pay the necessary expenses, if any, of the Inspector.

Department Inspector D. S. Kimball has kindly consented to respond to any calls made upon him, provided his necessary expenses are paid by the Post desiring his services.

The other officers of the department will also respond to any calls made upon them.

Every Post Commander is charged with seeing that this order for inspection is promptly complied with.

The busy season is nearly over, may we not in the coming fall and winter days gather around our camp fires and the Post meetings with renewed earnestness, let every Comrade feel his responsibility and show his loyalty to his Post and Comrades by being present at all meetings, not only be present, but have an interest in the work, don't leave it for a few to do.

Why not hold a rally day? Inviting in all who are not members. Do you complain of lack of interest, get interested yourself and then watch results.

Aides-de-camp on the staff of the Department Commander are most earnestly requested to take a most active part in the working of their Post and in securing additions to membership.

Where there are two members in the Posts there are three outside; this should call for earnest work to get in those outside. It can be done as has been demonstrated by a few earnest workers in some of the Posts of this department. Your Department Commander urges that not only the Aide-de-camp, but all members of the order, become earnest recruiting officers.

Let the good of the order be uppermost in the heart of every Comrade.

AIDE-DE-CAMP.

The following named comrades are hereby appointed as Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander:

Rhoda O'Mara, Post 1, Soldiers' Home.
G. A. Whitbeck, Post 3, Whitehall.
Robert Finch, Post 5, Grand Rapids.
T. W. Hemenway, Post 11, Bancroft.
Walter W. Dean, Post 18, Traverse City.
E. M. Keller, Post 38, Saginaw.
Chas. H. Peters, Post 38, Saginaw.
Dan J. Willson, Post 48, Jackson.
Bishop E. Andrews, Post 72, Three Rivers.
J. Q. H. Sessions, Post 137, Ann Arbor.
H. A. Clute, Post 166, Marshall.
J. O. Banks, Post 210, Albion.
M. M. Currier, Post 211, Ionia.
M. S. Skillman, Post 216, Mt. Clemens.
Wm. H. Coleman, Post 419, Bay City.
Dirk DeRuiter, Post 170, Petoskey.
N. J. Carney, Post 170, Petoskey.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

It is desirable that all Aides-de-Camp notify the Assistant Adjt.-General of their acceptance of the appointment, when commissions will be issued.

The official badge for Aide-de-Camp should also be procured and worn at all Post meetings.

By Command of

SAMUEL J. LAWRENCE,
Department Commander, G. A. R.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Assistant Adjutant General.

IN MEMORIAM.

It is with profound sorrow that your Department Commander learns of the death of Comrade T. E. Potter of Post 42, Lansing.

Comrade Potter was transferred very suddenly and without warning, at his home on the evening of October 25th. His services to his Comrades and the Grand Army were such that I cannot refrain from giving utterance to my appreciation of his loyalty and untiring devotion to the interests of our Noble Order.

His example is worthy of emulation. Since the first of January he has by personal effort added over sixty members to the rolls of Post 42. His work was that of love and comradeship, he never sought preferment, though he has served the Department as Patriotic Instructor for three years, being the first one to be appointed to that honorable position on this Department; served as Post Commander and many years as Aide-de-Camp to National and Department Commanders. In recognition of his great work, Commander-in-chief, Samuel R. VanSant, appointed him as Special Aid upon his staff. Comrades we can pay no greater respect to this comrade of our ranks than to take up the work where he has laid it down.

I take this opportunity to express my sympathy to the bereaved widow and family.

SAMUEL J. LAWRENCE,
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
CAPITOL, LANSING, Nov. 26, 1910.

General Orders, No. 5, Series 1910-11.

1. Accompanying these orders are the Blank Form A. and B. for semi-annual report ending December 31st. These reports, with per capita tax, should be sent in to Department Headquarters by January 1, 1911, as required by Rules and Regulations. Also there will be found blanks for Report of Post Patriotic Inspector, Post election returns, credential blanks for representatives to Thirty-third Department Encampment and blank Quartermaster bonds, the Quartermaster's bond to be filed with the Post Commander.

2. The annual election of Post officers and delegates to the next Department Encampment will be held as directed in Rules and Regulations at the first stated meeting in December. Each Post is entitled to one delegate for every fifty members or major fraction of that number; every Post is, however, entitled to one delegate. All Past Post Commanders in good standing, are by virtue of honors conferred, members of the Department Encampment and their names must be entered in the list of credentials.

3. Officers elected and appointed will be installed into their respective offices at the first regular meeting in January, 1911, or if desirable, they may be installed publicly at a meeting held for that purpose, when no part of the closing or opening services or signs of recognition shall be given.

This public service should be made the most interesting of the year and be held jointly with your auxiliary, and veterans and their families with the public invited to be present.

4. Special detail for installing officers will be made on request of Posts, signed by its proper officers. In absence of a special detail from these Headquarters the Senior Past Post Commander present on installation night is hereby detailed as mustering officer to install the newly elected officers.

5. Installing officers are required to ascertain whether all reports and per capita tax have been forwarded to Department Headquarters, if this has not been done, installation will not be proceeded with until the reports and dues have been placed in their hands.

6. Post officers in filling out semi-annual reports are required to give the names of all Comrades gained or lost under the proper headings in the blanks, designating after each name how gained or how lost, this is of the greatest importance. Also give date of death for Comrades who have died during the term.

All reports should be in the hands of the Assistant Adjutant General not later than January 10, 1911. This is positive, as the Assistant Adjutant General is required to have his report in the hands of the Adjutant General by January 20th.

Delays on the part of Post officers in sending in reports delays the Department in getting off their report. Promptness is urged upon the Posts in making their reports.

7. The National Countersign will be forwarded to each Post with the receipt for per capita tax. Adjutants or Quartermasters receiving the Countersign will hand the same to the Post Commander without delay.

8. Soon we enter upon a new year. This new year is fifty years re-

moved from the commencement of the great War of the Rebellion. The year will present many opportunities for recalling many important events and opportunities for bringing these events before the public should not be allowed to pass unnoticed, let the year be full of patriotic utterances and reminiscences. At the campfires, in the schoolroom, and in the home, by those who were participants in those stirring events and times. Let us rally around our Post colors with the same spirit with which we rallied to the defense of the Flag fifty years ago.

Official:

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Assistant Adjutant General.

By Command of

SAMUEL J. LAWRENCE,
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
CAPITOL, LANSING, January 20, 1911.

General Orders, No. 6, Series 1910-11.

1. Comrades: We have entered upon a year that commemorates the fiftieth anniversary of the commencement of the great war of the Rebellion. That we have been permitted to live fifty years after the commencement of the war should be an event in our lives and the great organization which we represent. Let us enter upon the work of the year with renewed energy, resolved that the memories that cluster around the dear boys who fifty years ago responded to the call of our Martyred President Lincoln and sprang to the defense of our country. The year 1861 is full of stirring events and our minds recall these events with all the vividness of reality. Let us commemorate these events in our post gatherings, around the camp fires, in our homes with our children and grand children and in public gatherings. Too much cannot be done or said to remind those who have come upon life's active stage since these great events in the history of our lives and the life of our great nation took place.

Patriotic instructors may make much of the events of fifty years ago by calling the attention of the teachers of our public schools to these important events and have them brought to the attention of the pupils.

2. A bill has been introduced in the legislature asking for the erection of a Memorial Building to the G. A. R. to be located in the city of Lansing and dedicated to the use of the Grand Army. A post room and hall for meetings, the war museum and the preservation of department and post records. The building also to be the headquarters for the State Militia with armory for the two local militia companies. In short to be a Memorial Building, dedicated to the G. A. R. but used jointly by the State Military Department and the G. A. R.

Nearly fifty years has passed since we gave our services in defense of the flag, and it seems fitting that at this late day a memorial should be erected to commemorate the valor of Michigan soldiers, 14,000 of whom lie buried on southern soil. Posts, W. R. C. Corps and Circles of the Ladies of the G. A. R., Camps of Sons of Veterans are requested to petition the legislature to pass this bill. Sending petitions to the state senator and representative from your district or to the Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R., Lansing, Mich.

3. Form for petition accompany this order.

4. General Order No. 5, National Headquarters also accompany these orders.

5. Comrade Samuel B. Dixon, Post 17, having tendered his resignation as member of the Committee "on Index for Soldiers' Records" the same is hereby accepted. Comrade F. F. Payne of Post 17 is appointed as member of the committee to fill vacancy.

The committee "on Index for Soldiers' Records" is increased to four members and Comrade H. C. Rankin of Post 180 is appointed a member of that committee.

6. The following named comrades are appointed as aide-de-camp on the Staff of the Department Commander, they will be respected and obeyed accordingly:

George Smitherman, Post 318.

Andrus Houch, Post 318.

George Goodale, Post 318.

E. K. Simonds, Post 318.

H. O. Waide, Post 318.

Chas. A. Bartlett, Post 17.

H. B. White, Post 17.

James Reid, Post 17.

John T. Spilane, Post 17.

Thomas Davey, Post 17.

ROSTER OF THE DEPARTMENT.

7. James J. McCluskey has arranged for and under a permit from these headquarters to collect and publish a Roster of this Department, giving the name of posts and every surviving comrade with other data. It is hoped that he will receive the hearty cooperation of every post, so that the roster may be as correct as possible, making it a credit to the Department. This will be a memento well worth preserving as it will contain the names of the surviving members of the G. A. R. living on the fiftieth anniversary of the commencement of the war. Only names of members in good standing will be published in the roster. Any assistance you may render Mr. McCluskey and his assistants will be greatly appreciated by the Department Commander.

Comrades—You should see that every soldier of the Civil War is a member of the post so that his name may appear in the roster.

8. Some 60 posts have failed to send in their semi-annual reports for the term ending December 31, 1910. Commanders of these posts are requested to see that these reports are sent in without further delay.

9. An error appears in Paragraph XIII, General Orders No. 2 from National Department, stating that revised Rules and Regulations might be ordered of the Quartermaster General direct.

It should read "They must be ordered same as other supplies through Department Headquarters."

By Command of

SAMUEL J. LAWRENCE,
Department Commander.

Official

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

CAPITOL, LANSING, April 6, 1911.

General Orders, No. 7, Series 1910-11.

1—General Orders No. 6 from National Headquarters accompany these Orders.

2—The 33d Annual Encampment of this Department will be held in the City of Ypsilanti on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, June 21-22-23.

3—Headquarters of the Department will be located in the Masonic Temple where all delegates are requested to report and present their credentials and receive their badges.

The following comrades are appointed and will constitute the Credential Committee:

Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. General.

Henry Spaulding, Post 20, Hartford.

Thomas Davy, Post 17, Detroit.

H. A. Clute, Post 166, Marshall.

The Credentials Committee will meet at Headquarters in the Masonic Temple, Wednesday, June 21st, at 1:30 P. M., to receive credentials and issue badges.

The National Countersign should be in the possession of every delegate before leaving his home for the Encampment.

4—The Executive Committee Council of Administration will meet at Headquarters in Masonic Temple at 10 A. M., Wednesday, the 21st, for the purpose of examining and auditing the accounts of the Department officers.

The Council of Administration will meet at Headquarters at 2:30 P. M., Wednesday, the 21st, for the transaction of such business as may properly come before them.

The following is a general outline of the work of the Encampment:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21ST.

Assembling of comrades and assignment to quarters.

Meetings of Executive Committee and Council of Administration as noted above.

Children's Campfire in the evening at the High School Building at which the W. R. C. will present a Flag to the school, speeches will be made by M. C. Barney, Dept. Patriotic Instructor, and other prominent members of the G. A. R. and W. R. C.

On the same evening a concert will be given in Normal Hall by the Conservatory of Music, free to members of the Encampment and W. R. C. and ladies of the G. A. R. wearing the badge.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22ND.

The Encampment will be called to order at 9 A. M. in the Opera House, when an address of welcome will be given. Also the Address of the Department Commander and reports of the Department Officers received.

PARADE.

At 2 P. M. the Annual Parade of the Department will take place escorted by Co. A of the National Guards. It is expected that 25 members of the

Veterans National Drum Corps will be present to furnish inspiring music. Gov. Osborn will be present and take part in the Parade. The committee on parade has assured us that the Line of March will be short, and where physically able it is hoped that every comrade will participate. Posts are invited to be present as post organizations where possible with their Post Colors. Posts expecting to be present are requested to notify Clyde R. Ford, Chairman of Parade Committee, at Ypsilanti.

Business session of the Encampment will convene immediately after the parade.

CAMP FIRE.

On the evening of the 22nd the general Campfire will be held in the Opera House, and will be in form a BLAIR MEMORIAL, Commander-in-Chief John E. Gilman and Gov. Osborn delivering the principal addresses. Other noted speakers will make brief addresses. An overflow meeting will be held in the Masonic Temple.

FRIDAY, 23D.

The Business meetings of the Encampment will continue until the work of the Encampment is completed.

The good citizens of Ypsilanti are sparing no effort to make the Encampment a success and a royal welcome will be given the comrades. Various Committees have been appointed, the names of the Chairmen only are given:

Henry C. Rankin, Chairman Executive Committee.

J. H. Woodman and Mrs. M. H. Deubel, Committee on Entertainment and Accommodations.

Jerome Allen and Mrs. Seth Mereness, Committee on Badges.

C. J. Becker, Chairman Committee on Decorations.

Isaiah Rynearson, Chairman Committee on Concessions.

It is necessary that all those desiring to secure accommodations in advance should communicate with J. H. Woodman.

Any Regimental or other organizations desiring to hold reunions during the encampment will also write to Capt. J. H. Woodman who will arrange for place of meeting.

Rooming House charges are 50 cents to \$1.00 per day. Meals in Hotels, Restaurants and Boarding Houses, 25 cents up.

The attendance at the Encampment should be exceptionally large as Ypsilanti is situated so near many of our largest Posts and is accessible by steam and trolley lines, this being the 50th Anniversary of the commencement of the great war should lend much interest to this encampment.

AIDES-DE-CAMP.

The following additional Aides on the staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced. They will be respected and obeyed accordingly:

Eugene Moffatt, Post 17, Detroit.

Curtis Brace, Post 261, Wayne.

Fred Waldren, Post 261, Wayne.

Geo. H. Turner, Post 109, is hereby appointed a member of the Committee on "Index to Soldiers' Record."

RAILROAD RATES.

Negotiations are under way with the Michigan Passenger Association, and we hope to secure as favorable rates as have been granted for the two last encampments, notice will be sent later.

Official,
FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Assistant Adjutant General.

By Command of
SAMUEL J. LAWRENCE,
Department Commander.

INFORMATION WANTED.

Of Charles Mohden (or Molding) a civil war veteran, last heard from in November, 1890, in Michigan, by E. M. Powell, U. S. S., North Carolina, care Postmaster, New York.

Present whereabouts of Barney Evers, Co. G, 16th Mich. Inf., by Thomas Davy, Q. M., Post 17, G. A. R., Detroit.

Any Comrades having original Photographs of scenes taken during the War, such as Pictures of Battle Scenes, Troops on the March, or in Camp, Forts, Batteries, Pontoon Bridges, Etc., write to The Review of Reviews, 13 Astor Place, New York.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
CAPITOL, LANSING, May 1, 1911.

General Orders, No. 8, Series 1910-11.

MEMORIAL DAY.

In compliance with National General Orders No. 7, Tuesday, May 30th, will be observed as Memorial Day. The posts of this department will in accordance with our custom, on that day hold public exercises commemorative of the services our noble dead rendered the Nation, and who have passed over the tide to the other shore.

Let us ever hold their memory in sacred remembrance on this great day, 43 years ago Gen. John A. Logan laid the foundation for the "Monument Beautiful" that shall endure as long as reverent hands place sweet flowers over the resting place of those who gave their all that the nation might live. Let no resting place of a defender of the flag be overlooked. We believe there are yet a few soldiers' graves unmarked, let the work be thoroughly done and every comrade's grave be decorated with the flag under which he marched to victory.

Should there be a soldier resting there who once wore the Gray, pay him a soldier's tribute by strewing flowers thereon.

Where practical strew flowers upon the waters in memory of the sailor dead.

Each post in this Department is expected to arrange for attending divine worship on the Sabbath preceding Memorial Day in a body, inviting the Spanish war veterans, our auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps. The Ladies of the G. A. R. and the Sons and Daughters of Veterans and all patriotic organizations to unite with them.

Post Commanders are reminded that by resolution of the National Encampment all flags displayed on Memorial Day shall be at half mast.

Comrades, encourage your friends and neighbors to unite with you in the observance of this beautiful custom.

Let the public schools receive your unstinted attention. Patriotic instructors are charged with the duty of seeing that the schools are visited by details of comrades on the Friday preceding Memorial Day. No more eager and expectant audiences greet the surviving members of the Grand Army than the pupils of our schools, let them not be neglected.

MOTHER'S DAY.

The second Sunday in May has been designated as "Mother's Day" by the National Encampment. Let us show our filial affection by attending divine worship and by wearing upon the lapel of the coat a white carnation in memory of mother if deceased and in reverence for her if living.

FLAG DAY.

June 14th is designated as "Flag Day." Comrades let us show respect for the flag we fought to save by displaying the same on our homes, business places and public buildings, let us by our example show to others the respect due to our flag, "The emblem of liberty and the Home of the free."

By Command of

Official:

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SAMUEL J. LAWRENCE,
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
CAPITOL, LANSING, May 20, 1911.

General Orders, No. 9, Series 1910-11.

1. Agreeable to announcement made in General Orders No. 7, Current Series. The Thirty-third Annual Department Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held in the city of Ypsilanti, Mich., on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, June 21, 22 and 23.

Department Headquarters at Lansing will be closed Tuesday, June 20.

Headquarters during the Encampment will be established in the Masonic Temple, and will open at 9 a. m., on Wednesday the 21st. Masonic Temple is on N. Huron st., foot of Pearl, two blocks west and three south from the R. R. Depot, one-half block north and one east from D. U. R. Trolley Lines Waiting Room. The entire temple by courtesy of the F. and A. M. is given over for those three days to the Encampment.

The Temple will also be Special Headquarters during the Encampment for the Officials of the W. R. C., The Ladies of the G. A. R. and Sons of Veterans. The Auditorium will be used for General Headquarters where Comrades will register. The Entertainment Committee and Bureau of Information will be located in the Auditorium where Comrades and delegates will be assigned to quarters. The Boys Scouts, the "Ask Me" brigade, will be in waiting to escort guests to reservations, boarding-houses, restaurants,

to furnish programs and any information desired. Here also will be facilities for regimental reunions, etc.

2. It is highly important and much to be desired that all delegates and alternates, men and women, all would be guests write to Captain J. H. Goodman NOW for reservations, for rooms, stating how many accommodations are wanted, men or women, when coming, etc. Upon arrival at headquarters they can be shown at once to their rooms.

Hawkins House, \$2.00 per day. Boarding and private house will charge 25 cents for meals and 50 cents for lodging.

3. A reception to the Department Commander, the President of the W. R. C., the President of the Ladies of the G. A. R., Commander of the Sons of Veterans and their Official Staffs, will be held in Masonic Temple Auditorium, Wednesday evening, 6:30 to 7:30 o'clock.

4. The Children's Camp-fire will be held at the M. E. Church, Wednesday, 7:45 p. m.

5. Grand Concert at Normal College, Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock, an especial treat for the visitors. Those wearing the official badge admitted free.

6. The business meeting of the Encampment will convene Thursday morning at 9 a. m.

7. Parade at 2 p. m. Thursday, reviewed by Commander in Chief, J. E. Gilman, Governor Osborn and the Department Commander. The parade will not be over one-half mile in length.

8. Commanders and their delegates report to the Credential Committee immediately on their arrival, that they may be checked as present and receive the delegate badges.

9. The Credential Committee will hold its first meeting in Masonic Temple at 1:30 p. m., Wednesday the 21st.

10. The Executive Committee C. of A. will meet at headquarters, 10 a. m. Wednesday the 21st.

11. Commander-in-Chief J. E. Gilman is expected to arrive in the afternoon of the 22nd and will speak at the General Camp-fire, Thursday evening. He will also visit the Encampment Thursday p. m. or Friday morning.

12. Word has been received at Headquarters that the Hon. Chase S. Osborn, Gov. of Mich., accepted the invitation tendered him by the Department Commander to attend the Encampment at Ypsilanti and deliver an address at the Campfire on the life of Austin Blair, War Governor of Michigan.

Comrade Seth B. Meriness of Post 180 is hereby detailed as Officer of the Day and Comrade Hiram S. Beutero Officer of the Guard for the Encampment. They will report to the Assistant Adjutant General for Instruction. The Commander of Post 180 is instructed to detail a sufficient number of comrades for guards during the sessions of the Encampment.

RAILROAD RATES.

13. The Michigan Passenger Association have granted an excursion rate of one and one-half regular fare for the round trip to Ypsilanti, minimum excursion fare 50 cents. Tickets to be sold going June 20, 21 and 22, limited for return to reach original starting point not later than June 26, 1911.

Application has been made to the trolley lines for reduced rates but no reply has been received to date.

14. Blanks form A and B for Adjutant and Quartermaster's report for first term ending June 30, 1911, also blanks for Post Chaplain's Memorial

Day Reports. Post Chaplains are requested to forward their report to Department Chaplain Wm. Putnam immediately after Memorial Day while the events of the day are fresh in their minds.

15. Post Commanders are reminded that it is their duty to see that subordinate officers make their reports promptly. The business of the Department cannot be properly conducted and reports sent to National Department on time unless every POST OFFICER IS PROMPT in attending to his duties.

The Laws passed by the last legislature which are beneficial to the G. A. R. will be published in the Journal of the 33d Department Encampment.

WAR MUSEUM.

16. After some months interruption the Museum of war relics has been permanently located in the lower rotunda of the Capitol. New and commodious cases have been provided. Comrades if you have in your possession any army relics which you wish to have preserved send them to G. A. R. Headquarters, Lansing, and they will be given a place in the War Museum in the Capitol rotunda.

17. There has come into the possession of the Asst. Adjt. Gen. two discharge papers of Levi B. Coleman late of Cos. G. and C. 4th, Mich. Infantry. They will be delivered to the proper heirs if called for, if not called for will be placed in the museum. Comrade Coleman died at San Diego, Cal., May 15, 1908.

18. Comrade H. C. Rankin of Post 180 is appointed as Aide-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander, he will be respected accordingly.

By Command of

SAMUEL J. LAWRENCE,
Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Assistant Adjutant General.

IN MEMORIAM.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
CAPITOL, LANSING, Jan. 14, 1911.

Special Orders, No. 1, Series 1910-11.

Captain Ethel M. Allen, Post 132, Portland, Michigan; Past Department Commander of this Department, 1900.

Comrade Allen was born in Williamston, Wayne County, New York, November 14th, 1840. Died at his home in Portland, Michigan, January 3rd, 1911.

Comrade Allen was a teacher in Marion Collegiate Institute, New York, when the first call for Volunteers to serve for three months came. He enlisted three times—first, for three months, second, for three years and last, for five years. His military service was with the 98th N. Y. Infantry, Company I. He was first commissioned as Second Lieutenant, for bravery on the field of action he was promoted to First Lieutenant and later to that of Captain; was in many of the important campaigns of the Army of the Potomac, especially in the Siege of Petersburg. He was severely wounded at the Battle of Cold Harbor, Va. Comrade Allen was a typical soldier, the welfare of his comrades being uppermost in his thoughts; his cheerful disposition and kindness of heart prompting him to do many kindly acts for his Comrades and friends.

He was elected Commander of the Department of Michigan, for the year 1900. This year of service to the Department of Michigan was marked with a devotion to the interests of our Order rarely equalled. His ability as an orator made many demands upon his time. The demands were met with the same sunny, cheerful spirit that dominated his whole life, his service to his Comrades was one of love.

In civil and business life, his was a kindly, useful and helpful life. He always felt himself one of "the common people" and his aim was to be of service to them. His life was characterized by a high ideal and devotion to duty.

The funeral was held under the auspices of John Maggarrah Post, No. 132, G. A. R., of Portland. The Association of Past Department Commanders being represented by six of their number, Department Commander Lawrence also being present.

To the bereaved wife and daughter the Comrades of the Department tender their heartfelt sympathy.

The Department has lost a most earnest and faithful comrade.

The Charters of Posts will be draped for a period of thirty days in commemoration of our departed comrade.

By order of
SAMUEL J. LAWRENCE,
Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Assistant Adjutant General.

LAWS ENACTED BENEFICIAL TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GRAND
ARMY AND THEIR WIDOWS, ETC., BY THE LEGISLATURE
OF 1911.

AN ACT to provide for the payment and reimbursement by counties, in certain cases upon application therefor, of expenses incurred in the burial of the bodies of army nurses, honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines, or the wives or widows of said soldiers, sailors or marines, and to repeal act number two hundred fifty-two of the public acts of nineteen hundred nine, approved June two, nineteen hundred nine.

[ACT 235, P. A. 1911.]

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

SECTION 1. Hereafter whenever any honorable [honorably] discharged Union soldier, sailor or marine, having served in the army or navy of the United States during the civil war or the late war with Spain, or the wife or widow of such soldier, sailor or marine, or any army nurse who was employed as a nurse by authority which is recognized by the war department, and who rendered actual service as a nurse in attendance upon the sick and wounded in any regimental post, camp or general hospital of the armies of the United States for a period of six months or more, and who was honorably relieved from such service, shall die, not possessed of an estate, both real and personal, exceeding the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars, and is a resident of this State, it shall be the duty of the board of supervisors in the respective counties, or the board of county auditors in counties having a board of county auditors, upon application therefor by the executor or administrator of the estate of such deceased person, or by the person or persons who may have incurred or advanced the expenses in connection with the burial of said army nurse, soldier, sailor, marine, or the wife or widow of said soldier, sailor or marine, to pay to the estate of such deceased person, or to the person or persons who incurred or advanced such expense, a sum not to exceed fifty-five dollars for the purpose of reimbursing such person or persons for the expenses thus incurred.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the board of supervisors, or board of county auditors in counties having a board of county auditors, of each county in this State to appoint in each township and ward, in their respective counties, a suitable person other than those designated for the care of paupers and the care of criminals, whose duty it shall be in the township or ward, whenever application is made for reimbursement by the county for such funeral expenses paid or advanced, or incurred for the burial of such deceased person, to make an investigation of such claim and report his action to the clerk of the board of supervisors of the county, or to the clerk of the board of county auditors as the case may be, in all cases setting forth all the facts, together with the name, rank and command to which such soldier, sailor or marine belonged, and in case of such wife or widow, the rank and command to which her husband or deceased husband belonged, the name and service rendered as such army nurse, the date of his or her death, place where buried, and his or her residence and occupation while living. He shall require such person

or persons who paid, advanced or incurred such burial expenses for such deceased person to furnish the board of supervisors, or board of county auditors in counties having a board of county auditors, with a sworn itemized statement of the expense incurred in the burial of the deceased person mentioned in the application. The person so appointed as aforesaid shall receive from the county the sum of two dollars per day for the time actually and necessarily employed by him in the performance of his duties.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the clerk of the board of supervisors or board of county auditors as the case may be upon receiving the report and statement of expenses provided for in the preceding section, to transcribe in a book kept for that purpose all the facts contained in said report respecting such deceased soldier, sailor or marine, or the deceased wife or widow of the same, or such deceased army nurse, and to report such application and statement to the board of supervisors or the board of county auditors, as the case may be, at the next meeting thereof. It shall be the further duty of said clerk upon the death and burial of any such soldier, sailor or marine, and upon request therefor, to make application to the proper authorities under the government of the United States for a suitable headstone as is now or may hereafter be provided by act of Congress, and to cause the same to be placed at the head of the grave of such deceased soldier, sailor or marine. And also, to cause a suitable headstone to be placed at the head of the grave of the deceased wife or widow of such soldier, sailor or marine or army nurse if the same shall now or hereafter be provided by act of Congress.

SEC. 4. All expenses incurred in such burial as provided in this act, shall be audited and paid by the board of supervisors, or board of county auditors in counties having a board of county auditors, the same as other legal charges against the county.

SEC. 5. Act number two hundred fifty-two of the public acts of nineteen hundred nine, approved June two, nineteen hundred nine, is hereby repealed.

EXEMPTION OF PROPERTY OF SOLDIERS FROM TAXATION.

[EXTRACT FROM ACT 174, P. A. 1911.]

SECTION 7. The following real property shall be exempt from taxation:

* * * * *

Eleventh, All real estate to the value of one thousand dollars used and owned as a homestead by any soldier or sailor of the federal government who served three months or more during the civil or Mexican war, and all real estate to the value of one thousand dollars used and owned as a homestead by any wife or widow of such soldier or sailor: Provided, however, That should such homestead exceed in value the sum of one thousand dollars it shall be exempt only to the amount of such sum: Provided further, That any soldier or sailor or the wife or widow of any such soldier or sailor desiring to accept the benefits named in this section as to the exemption from taxation shall make and file with the supervisor or assessing officer an affidavit stating under oath that he was a soldier or sailor of the federal government during the civil or Mexican war for a period of not less than three months, and in case it be the wife or widow of a soldier or sailor making such application, such affidavit must state that she is the wife or widow of a soldier or sailor of the federal government at the present time, who served not less than three months as such soldier or sailor during the civil or Mexican war. The said affidavit shall be sworn to before said supervisor, assessing officer or any

officer authorized to administer oaths and then filed by the said officer in his office and turned over to his successor, where the same shall be open to inspection. Any person making a false affidavit in any particular for the purpose of exemption from taxation shall be deemed to be guilty of the crime of perjury, and punished accordingly: Provided, however, That this exemption shall not operate to relieve from the payment of taxes any of the persons hereinbefore enumerated who are the owners of taxable property of greater value than three thousand dollars.

REQUIRING NAMES OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE G. A. R. TO BE PUBLISHED
IN THE JOURNAL.

House Enrolled Act No. 103.

AN ACT to amend section two of act number eight of the Public Acts of eighteen hundred ninety-seven, entitled "An act to provide permanent headquarters in the capitol building for the Grand Army of the Republic, to designate the purposes for which the same shall be used, and to provide for an annual report by the commander "

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

SECTION 1. Section two of act number eight of the Public Acts of eighteen hundred ninety-seven, entitled "An act to provide permanent headquarters in the capitol building for the Grand Army of the Republic, to designate the purposes for which the same shall be used, and to provide for an annual report by the commander," is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 2. The commander of the department of the Michigan Grand Army of the Republic shall annually report to the governor on or before the first day of June of each year, such portions of the transactions of the Grand Army of the Republic as he may deem to be of interest to that organization and to the people of the state. Said report shall include the names of the deceased members within the year, date of death, the company, regiment and post of which he was a member. Eight hundred copies of this report shall be printed and bound in paper cover. Two hundred copies shall be distributed among the members of the legislature and state officers, and six hundred copies shall be delivered to the commander of the department for distribution among the posts of the Grand Army of the Republic.

MILITARY MUSEUM.

AN ACT to provide for the management and control of the military museum and old battle flags.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

SECTION 1. The military museum shall be kept in the rotunda in the capitol on the basement floor, until such time as the State provides a grand army memorial building. The battle flags shall be kept in the cases they now occupy, in the rotunda on the first floor of the capitol, for all time and never be taken out unless some other provisions shall be made by the Legislature in reference thereto.

SEC. 2. The Board of State Auditors shall have full control and management of the museum and battle flags, and a committee of three veterans of the civil or Spanish-American war shall be appointed by the department

commander, Grand Army of the Republic, to act jointly with the Board of State Auditors, in soliciting relics, placing them in position and such other assistance as the board may require of them.

SEC. 3. The Board of State Auditors is authorized to pay any and all freight or express on relics that it considers of value.

SEC. 4. All acts or parts of acts so far as they contravene the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

MONEYS DONATED TO SOLDIERS' HOME.

AN ACT to amend section five of act number two hundred twelve of the Public Acts of eighteen hundred ninety-three, entitled "An act establishing a home for the soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the late civil war, their wives and mothers, and making an appropriation for the erection and maintenance thereof," approved June two, eighteen hundred ninety-three, being compiler's section two thousand seventy of the Compiled Laws of eighteen hundred ninety-seven.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

SECTION 1. Section five of act number two hundred twelve of the Public Acts of eighteen hundred ninety-three, entitled "An act establishing a home for the soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the late civil war, their wives and mothers, and making an appropriation for the erection and maintenance thereof," approved June two, eighteen hundred ninety-three, being compiler's section two thousand seventy of the Compiled Laws of eighteen hundred ninety-seven, is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 5. Any moneys which may be paid to the said board of managers from subscriptions, donations, or any source whatever of like private beneficence, should there be a surplus at the annual meeting at the end of the year, shall be covered into the State treasury and placed to the credit of the general fund: Provided, however, that all moneys, property or effects belonging to the residents of said home, whether derived from a pension granted said resident by the government of the United States, or otherwise, shall only come into the possession and under the control of the said board of managers, or any officer or employe thereof, except fines imposed, for the purpose of discipline and not otherwise; and said board of control and any officer or employe of said home so receiving any property, money or effects of any resident thereof shall give proper receipt for same and hold the same in trust for said board of managers and the residents thereof for the specific purpose of paying or turning the same over to said resident at the time of his discharge from the Michigan Soldiers' Home and accounting for the same to the heirs or legal representatives of said residents after death.

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GEORGE W. STONE
Department Commander
1912

*Edward C. Anthony	Negaunee, 1902-3
D. B. K. Van Raalte, deceased	Holland, 1903-4
Geo. H. Hopkins, deceased	Detroit, 1904-5
*E. C. Cannon	Evart, 1905-6
*Joseph B. Griswold	Grand Rapids, 1906-7
Wm. Jibb	Adrian, 1907-8
Chas. E. Foote, deceased, died in office	Kalamazoo, 1908-9
Geo. L. Holmes, deceased, to fill vacancy	Detroit, 1909
*James M. Greenfield	Flushing, 1909-10
*Saml. J. Lawrence	Northville, 1910-11
*Geo. W. Stone	Lansing, 1911-12

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

H. M. Bigelow	Montague, 1878-9
	No record 1880
	No record 1881
G. R. Wright	Benton Harbor, 1882-3
M. A. Merrifield, deceased	Union City, 1884
Geo. L. Fisher	Fowlerville, 1885
S. A. Hosmer	1886
W. W. Cook	Leslie, 1887
True Hart, deceased	Midland, 1888
Wm. H. Russell	Clio, 1889
*E. L. Negus	Chelsea, 1890
C. L. Brundage, deceased	Muskegon, 1891
Jas. A. Crozer	Menominee, 1892
L. M. Ward	Benton Harbor, 1893
Herman C. Frieseke	Owosso, 1894
Norm. G. Cooper	Sturgis, 1895
Lucian W. Lyon, deceased	Saginaw, 1896
L. W. Sprague	Greenville, 1897
Moses F. Carlton	Port Huron, 1898
J. C. Bontecon, deceased	Petoskey, 1900
*Theo. C. Putnam	Grand Rapids, 1901
*M. C. Barney	Flint, 1902
L. D. Van Kleeck, deceased	Pontiac, 1903
S. A. Aldrich	Muskegon, 1904
John J. Cornwill, deceased	Battle Creek, 1905
M. D. Morgan	Traverse City, 1906
*Riley L. Jones	Saginaw, 1907
Edward B. Nugent	Bay City, 1908
Jay J. Drake	St. Joseph, 1909
Henry P. Shutt	Kalamazoo, 1910
A. J. Ward	Holland, 1911
H. C. Rankin	Ypsilanti, 1912

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

S. B. Kitchell	Coldwater, 1878
W. A. Palmer	Grand Rapids, 1879
	No record, 1880
Dallas Johnson	Montague, 1881
*O. A. Janes	Hillsdale, 1882
J. M. Keller, deceased	Saginaw, 1883
M. H. Bumphrey	Three Rivers, 1884
H. F. Higgins	Petoskey, 1885
Thos. H. Williams	Jackson, 1887
*Geo. W. Stone	Harrison, 1889
William Jibb	Adrian, 1890
Wm. H. Marston	Grand Rapids, 1891
Thomas M. Wiley	Owosso, 1892
*E. C. Anthony	Negaunee, 1893
*James M. Greenfield	Flushing, 1894
Oscar Palmer	Grayling, 1895
*Jas. O. Bellaire	Grand Rapids, 1896

Ren Barker	Reed City, 1897
*D. C. Spears	Azalia, 1898
S. H. Mallery	Lake Odessa, 1900
*Sam. J. Lawrence	Wyandotte, 1901
*M. D. Richardson	Lake City, 1903
Dan J. Willson	Jackson, 1905
S. M. Kent	Grand Rapids, 1906
O. Palmer	Grayling, 1907
*Henry Spaulding	Hartford, 1908
*Geo. W. Wheeler	Boon, 1909
*Albert Dunham	Jackson, 1910
Geo. I. Nash	Marcellus, 1911
*J. J. Holmes	Eaton Rapids, 1912

JOHN A. LOGAN POST NO. 1, SOLDIERS' HOME.

Chartered December 9, 1887.

Membership 33.

Delegate. Commander, W. H. Thompson.

August Banskey *Alternate.*
Jud B. Aldrich.

Past Commanders.
*Roda O'Mara. C. A. Brink.
James Wood

C. O. LOOMIS POST NO. 2, QUINCY.

Chartered January 22, 1876.

Membership 59.

Delegate. Commander, Geo. W. Dey.

*W. C. Dayton. *Alternate.*
C. F. Potter.

Past Commanders.
Wm. G. Whitney. L. D. Reynolds.
K. B. Etheridge. E. C. Chase.
Wm. H. Thurber. D. H. Wood.
*Chas. F. Potter. Wm. Wimer.
A. C. Warner. C. D. Skinner.
O. D. Curtis.

N. H. FERRY POST NO. 3, WHITEHALL.

Chartered May 27, 1877.

Membership 30.

Delegate. *Commander, E. C. Estabrook.

Eli M. Ruggles. *Alternate.*
J. G. Evans.

Past Commanders.
John C. Dean. James Dellabaugh.
Frederick Norman. Dallis Johnson.
Allen F. Casselman. Francis Hiscutt.
Girard A. Whitbeck. Chas. H. Smith.

PHIL SHERIDAN POST NO. 4, READING.

Chartered June 12, 1878.

Membership 17.

Delegate. Commander, H. H. Weaver.

Alternate.

Past Commanders.
R. D. Lane. Zeladee Culver.
Gabriel See. J. C. Newfang.

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CUSTER POST NO. 5, GRAND RAPIDS.

Chartered September 27, 1878.

Membership 123.

*Commander, T. C. Putnam.

*Delegates.**Thos. Dixon.
*E. J. Horton.*Alternates.*E. F. Snyder.
J. W. Valentine.*Past Commanders.*Byron R. Pierce.
*Wm. D. Frost.
*Chas. P. Coffin.
*Jos. O. Bellaire.
W. B. Bostock.
*G. H. Chappel.
Jos. B. Griswold.
Allen C. Adsit.
*Ed. Racine.John Schmidt.
E. H. Cummings.
G. B. Schwab.
*Theo. C. Putnam.
Jas. R. Stephenson.
L. C. Read.
Thomas Peacock.
*G. H. Sherman.
E. B. Taylor.
*Robert Finch.**C. J. DICKERSON POST NO. 6, HILLSDALE.**

Chartered February 26, 1879.

Membership 54.

*Commander, Chas. H. Fairbanks.

Delegate.

*Frederick Wolf.

Alternate.

James P. Turner.

*Past Commanders.*F. K. Proctor.
Geo. E. Porter.
D. F. Austin.
J. M. Fink.
W. M. Taylor.
A. S. Thomas.*C. H. Fairbanks.
O. Hancock.
O. C. Nash.
G. A. Riker.
N. R. Masters.
L. B. Wolcott.
John L. Frisbie.**PHIL KEARNEY POST NO. 7, MUSKEGON.**

Chartered July 31, 1879.

Membership 96.

Commander, B. H. Krebs.

*Delegates.*Wm. Taylor.
P. P. Misner.*Alternates.*Erastus Downing.
A. H. Eckerman.*Past Commanders.*William R. Jones.
John Sturgeon.
Wm. Reynolds.
William F. Wiseloge.
S. A. Aldrich.
Chas. Miller.
Frank Noble.
John R. Bennett.
Howard C. Bond.Henry G. Bigelow.
Louis Kanitz.
John W. Eddy.
*John G. Allport.
E. P. Watson.
August Flint.
Horace Lovejoy.
J. W. Sprague.
W. H. Ashley.
B. H. Krebs.**CHAS. H. TOWNE POST NO. 8, ISHPeming.**

Chartered September 17, 1889.

Membership 15.

Commander, John Scott.

Delegate.

James B. Wilbur.

Alternate.

Thos. D. Nelson.

Past Commanders.

O. B. Robinson.

Francis V. Sauer.

JOHN A. DIX POST NO. 9, HESPERIA.

Chartered September 12, 1879.

Membership 30

Commander, A. L. Cobb.		<i>Alternate.</i>
<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Chas. Robbins.	W. H. Potter.	
Chas. Wilber.	C. R. Reynolds.	
A. L. Muliken.	H. E. Waterman.	
W. I. Bulson.	Wm. Gilbert.	

WILLIAM BELL POST NO. 10, DUNDEE.

Chartered October 16, 1879.

Membership 57.

*Commander, Truman Gee.		<i>Alternate.</i>
<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
A. T. Hecock.		
*D. C. Spears.	*James Knowles.	
*R. B. Davis.	J. R. Dickinson.	
N. J. Carney.	Joseph S. Hilton.	
Geo. W. Hurd.	Chas. M. Duston.	
Horace Pulver.	F. H. Miller.	
M. V. Fox.	L. B. Smith.	

ROBERT'S POST NO. 11, BANCROFT.

Chartered March 16, 1880.

Membership 16.

Commander, F. Gorton.		<i>Alternate.</i>
<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Benjamin Cadwell.		Ed Hord.
J. H. Lyman.	H. P. Wimble.	
P. Pelton.	C. F. Coles.	
T. W. Hemminway.	E. J. Ewing.	
J. A. Parker.	G. H. Fellows.	

EYDER POST NO. 12, DEERFIELD.

Chartered April 9, 1880.

Membership 20.

Commander, Byron Stanbury.		<i>Alternate.</i>
<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
		Jessie Grover.
Byron Stanbury.	William Rusling.	
N. A. McQuarie.	M. H. Kellogg.	
Morrice Long.	S. T. McNair.	
Richard Tappan.	E. E. Burnham.	
Thomas Petty.	N. D. Yale.	

I. B. RICHARDSON POST NO. 13, HARBOR SPRINGS.

Chartered May 11, 1880.

Membership 28.

Commander, Chas. H. Tanner.		<i>Alternate.</i>
<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Charles E. Judd.	Chas. C. Newkirk.	
Geo. W. Dickinson.	Lorenzo A. Clark.	
Geo. O. Richardson.	Jos. N. Bradley.	
Fred F. Main.	Horace Eastman.	
Benj. F. Whitaker.	Chas. Tanner.	
Eri D. Babcock.		

GEO. H. THOMAS POST NO. 14, BENTON HARBOR.

Chartered May 24, 1880.

Membership 85.

Commander, F. L. Bradford.

Delegates.

*C. W. Erwin.
*O. J. Bradley.

Alternates.

J. D. Hill.
Ira A. Rice.

Past Commanders.

L. M. Ward.
L. Hemingway.
Henry Skelley.
Chas. A. Warner.
John Seel.

A. H. Rowe.
John Clark.
M. J. Vincent.
Ira A. Rice.
O. O. Nutting.

PAP WILLIAMS POST NO. 15, LUDINGTON.

Chartered May 26, 1880.

Membership 37.

Commander, Thos. E. Davis.

Delegate.

*J. S. Herrington.

Alternate.

John W. Hurley.

Past Commanders.

Wm. G. Hudson.
H. C. Ransom.
J. E. Smith.
Wm. H. Kimball.
F. J. Dowland.
A. C. Hawley.

H. B. Smith.
G. M. Chase.
S. H. Gleason.
R. P. Bishop.
R. B. Patterson.
C. G. Wing.

SEDWICK POST NO. 16, EVART.

Chartered August 24, 1880.

Membership 32.

*Commander, E. J. Cox.

Delegate.

S. P. Vanderhoff.

Alternate.

W. D. Parker.

Past Commanders.

Orin Button.
Ed. Cox.
G. W. Gardner.
W. A. Lewis.
S. E. Skutt.
O. M. Bush.
*E. C. Cannon.
*Dan'l Farrington.

W. J. Manley.
A. A. Smith.
Chas. Coppins.
*J. R. Foster.
Jos. H. Powell.
*D. E. Wait.
William Rogers.
*Francis Bond.

FAIRBANKS POST NO. 17, DETROIT.

Chartered May 9, 1881.

Membership 277.

*Commander, Theo. Lamy.

Delegates.

*Lyman E. Stowe.
*Geo. H. Miller.
*Robt. Morris.
*Allen H. Cady.
*H. R. Strong.
*C. A. Bartlett.

Alternates.

W. T. Wiley.
John Moody.
F. A. Pierce.
Henry Altfeltis.
M. V. Morrison.
Elisha J. Reese.

Past Commanders.

E. O. Durfee.
*H. B. Eggman.
*A. V. Phister.
*C. K. Radcliff.
*J. Gill.
*T. Davey.
*D. S. Kimball.
*E. F. Lamb.

J. Renton.
*J. Reid.
*J. T. Spillane.
J. A. Lane.
*C. J. Pierce.
C. W. Yates.
*Edward E. Thayer.
*H. B. White.

*L. J. Beers.
D. G. Crotty.
*Sam'l B. Dixon.
*A. L. Sawyer.
*M. Green.
*Carl Engle.

Ed. N. Hill.
*John L. Wild.
D. W. Osborn.
H. F. Sirrine.
*Thos. F. Payne.

M'PHERSON POST NO. 18, TRAVERSE CITY.

Chartered May 21, 1881.

Membership 70.

*Commander, B. F. Newhouse.

Alternate.

Delegate.

*Wm. Case.

Curtis Fowler.

Past Commanders.

M. D. Morgan.
C. S. Vader.
D. G. Shorter.
F. D. Marvin.
J. W. Hilliker.
Levi Soule.

O. P. Carver.
Chas. H. Johnson.
A. J. McHenry.
Walter W. Dean.
H. J. Curtis.
L. K. Cleveland.

A. LINCOLN POST NO. 19, BANGOR.

Chartered May 20, 1881.

Membership 48.

Commander, B. Merriman.

Alternate.

Delegate.

J. P. Goss.

W. L. Zook.

Past Commanders.

C. C. Phillips.
Thomas Horton.
B. Merriman.
J. G. Todd.

Geo. S. Wilson.
O. A. Reynolds.
C. H. Schermerhorn.
A. Pattee.

ELLSWORTH POST NO. 20, HARTFORD.

Chartered June 20, 1881.

Membership 22.

Commander, John Carter.

Alternate.

Delegate.

Chas. Kleckler.

C. M. Banson.

Past Commanders.

*Henry Spaulding.
Eber Hart.
William Bennett.
Wm. N. Worth.
Jesse Thomas.

John S. Heald.
W. A. Palmer.
Chas. H. Mather.
John Carter.

A. W. CHAPMAN POST NO. 21, ST. JOSEPH.

Chartered July 18, 1881.

Membership 47.

Commander, W. A. Preston.

Alternate.

Delegate.

J. J. Drake.

L. J. Merchant.

Past Commanders.

J. J. Drake.
Chas. Moulton.
J. E. L. Miller.
W. A. Preston.
John Lane.

Albert S. Roe.
Milo Clock.
L. J. Merchant.
Aug. Morlock.

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WILLIAM PERROTT POST NO. 22, BUCHANAN.

Chartered July 11, 1881.

Membership 24.

Commander, L. W. Batchelor.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Geo. Hawley.

Sam'l Bunker.

Past Commanders.

John W. Beisille.
O. F. Richmond.
Steve Scott.
Theo. W. Thomas.
H. A. Richardson.
Wm. Powers.
W. P. Wood.

John E. Barmore
I. N. Bachelor.
John Graham.
Chas. Snyder.
John Perrott.
Chas. E. Sabin.
H. E. Bradley.

EDWIN COLWELL POST NO. 23, BLOOMINGDALE.

Chartered August 29, 1881.

Membership 13.

Commander, James McDowell.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

J. E. Culver.

John Decker.

Past Commanders.

James McDowell.
Frank Cooley.
J. N. Edwards.

Geo. Wilson.
J. T. Robinson.

COL. FENTON POST NO. 24, FENTON.

Chartered August 19, 1881.

Membership 42.

*Commander, Chas. W. Sadden.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Edgar Durfee.

Daniel Harrington.

Past Commanders.

L. V. Curry.
*V. C. Smith.
J. M. Ripley.
E. T. Winters.

William Butcher.
Chas. W. Sadden.
S. K. Freeman.
Ira C. Ford.

DAVID BECKER POST NO. 25, OGDEN CENTER.

Chartered August 20, 1881.

Membership 33.

Commander, Geo. W. Wilt.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

L. E. Fry.

Aaron Baser.

Past Commanders.

J. F. Wotring.
G. W. Scott.
*L. E. Fry.
C. T. Cheney.
*Amos Wilt.
C. L. Blake.
J. M. Robb.
Geo. W. Wilt.

Robt. Service.
A. J. Hodges.
G. W. Hecket.
William Emmons.
A. S. Beardsley.
W. C. B. Smith.
A. A. Barnes.
David Pifer.
John Lock.

JOE HOOKER POST NO. 26, HART.

Chartered August 16, 1881.

Membership 31.

Commander, Henry Feight.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

S. C. Brigham.

W. H. H. Turner.

Past Commanders.

J. A. Collier.
J. H. Slater.
Wm. Flory.
S. D. Young.

Geo. F. Dennison.
B. F. Archer.
P. Caster.
Alex. Fletcher.

BURNSIDE POST NO. 27, DECATUR.

Chartered September 19, 1881.

Membership 31.

<i>Delegate.</i>	*Commander, C. Rafter.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Henry High.		W. F. Lamb.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
G. W. Lusk.		*L. D. Roberts.
W. H. White.		C. W. Willson.
R. Colbetzor.		J. H. Van Camp.
		Jeremiah Bowen.

A. L. CARVER POST NO. 28, HEMLOCK.

Chartered August 2, 1894.

Membership 12.

<i>Delegate.</i>	*Commander, Jedd Bennett.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Sheldon Rinehardt.		Calvin Sylvester.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
T. M. Champlin.		Calvin Sylvester.
Charles Burnham.		Jedd Bennett.
A. T. Cooper.		J. D. Smith.

CHAMPLIN POST NO. 29, GRAND RAPIDS.

Chartered September 9, 1881.

Membership 13.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Wm. H. Stokes.	<i>Alternate.</i>
*A. D. Porter.		H. M. Nichols.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Samuel White.		Alvin D. Porter.
Hiram Madden.		Joseph G. Price.

GARFIELD POST NO. 30, COLOMA.

Chartered October 10, 1881.

Membership 14.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, L. N. Clark.	<i>Alternate.</i>
P. O. Barns.		W. A. Baker.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
W. A. Baker.		J. A. Brown.
L. Clark.		Geo. W. Garrett.
A. Newton.		Uriah Wood.
A. S. McCuen.		

BROADHEAD POST NO. 31, PAW PAW.

Chartered October 21, 1881.

Membership 44.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Wm. Killifer.	<i>Alternate.</i>
A. J. Roundy.		J. W. Udderhill.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*H. A. Chapin.		John Reed.
J. F. Bullard.		J. C. Warner.
O. W. Rowland.		A. DeHaven.
Ira W. Hulbert.		W. R. Serrine.
Barney O'Dell.		I. P. Bates.
Daniel Spicer.		

FARRAGUT POST NO. 32, BATTLE CREEK.

Chartered November 31, 1881.

Membership 110.

*Commander, J. H. Stevens.

Delegates.

*E. W. Bordo.
*Wm. O. Holmes.

Alternates.

A. S. Parker.
C. E. Manchester.

Past Commanders.

A. W. Alvord.
A. Griswold.
*J. W. Taylor.
*Wm. A. Vickery.
J. G. Bohnett.
S. M. Holton.
Wm. Dowsett.
C. J. Shoemaker.
*John Easey.
*Stephen L. Cooper.
R. M. Bellinger.

S. S. French.
G. M. Hodges.
A. B. Simpson.
R. J. Kelley.
W. R. Wickham.
*Chas. H. Browning.
E. Cunningham.
H. B. Hayes.
Geo. E. Wallace.
Lewis Flint.
Wm. Pratt.

COL. MYRON BAKER POST NO. 33, MORENO.

Chartered December 29, 1881.

Membership 33.

Commander, John Sheffield.

Delegate.

*James Haynes.

Alternate.

Jos. G. Rice.

Past Commanders.

V. Smith.
Loren W. Chapin.
*James N. Chappell.

Fred B. Sheffield.
Wm. Onweller.
Wm. H. Chappell.
Chas. C. Gilman.

W. G. EATON POST NO. 34, OTSEGO.

Chartered November 10, 1881.

Membership 23.

Commander, Oliver Wise.

Delegate.

John J. Bise.

Alternate.

W. C. Carrier.

Past Commanders.

John D. Kelley.
David Y. Cook.
Geo. W. Taylor.
John Henry.

*Oliver Wise.
James Roff.
S. S. Green.

ZACH. CHANDLER POST NO. 35, SOUTH HAVEN.

Chartered November 30, 1881.

Membership 80.

Commander, O. A. Dean.

Delegates.

Thos. F. Bishop.
James Holdsworth.

Alternates.

R. F. Dean.
John Oxford.

Past Commanders.

T. Biddle.
Herrick Hodges.
L. K. Jillson.
J. S. Donahue.
W. S. Bradley.
W. F. Peddycord.
G. B. Green.
J. S. Hicks.

Geo. O. Chapman.
A. H. Cook.
H. J. Dodge.
James Martin.
C. A. Butterfield.
Geo. W. Mathews.
*A. R. Hotchkiss.
O. A. Dean.

GEORGE L. MEAD POST NO. 36, BERRIEN CENTER.

Chartered December 29, 1881.

Membership 7.

Commander, B. H. Rutter.	
<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
B. H. Rutter.	S. L. Snavley.
M. J. Nelson.	P. E. O'Brien.
<i>Past Commanders.</i>	

STANTON POST NO. 37, STANTON.

Chartered November 30, 1881.

Membership 22.

*Commander, T. M. Smith.	
<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
*J. H. Tishue.	S. D. Huntley.
<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
H. H. Hinds.	V. E. Hallett.
J. A. Crocker.	Thos. Low.
T. M. Smith.	C. A. Nelson.
Edson Pickell.	

SAGINAW POST NO. 38, SAGINAW.

Chartered December 14, 1881.

Membership 87.

Commander, Frank D. Keeler.	
<i>Delegates.</i>	<i>Alternates.</i>
*M. A. Griffin.	Wesley Moore.
*Cris Wasserman.	Louis La Brake.
<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
W. G. Gage.	M. E. Keller.
*E. F. Guild.	O. S. Bishop.
H. Coleman.	P. J. Sensabaugh.
James T. Hale.	C. F. Schuetler.
T. T. Hubbard.	Jos. Seeman.
*Riley L. Jones.	B. A. Osborne.
Wm. H. Presser.	Chas. Ziem.
E. B. Metcalf.	Watson J. Clark.
Robert Dederick.	V. D. Starr.
John Still.	W. J. Doxsee.
*Hugh McLean.	J. H. Cowell.
Gordon T. Converse.	Jos. W. Budd.

KILPATRICK POST NO. 39, BERRIEN SPRINGS.

Chartered February 15, 1882.

Membership 22.

Commander, A. W. Haskins.	
<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
*Harrison Newton.	J. C. Wyckoff.
<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Roscoe D. Dix.	W. H. Miller.
*J. Hallenbeck.	*S. E. Hadlock.
A. W. Haskins.	Mandell Wells.

A. S. WILLIAMS POST NO. 40, CHARLOTTE.

Chartered February 8, 1882.

Membership 109.

*Commander, Asa Smart.	
<i>Delegates.</i>	<i>Alternates.</i>
*Chas. Pangler.	Elijah Pope.
W. P. Faulkner.	L. S. Butler.

D. B. Ainger.
Lewis A. Snell.
J. D. Butler.
*James Umbarger.
Albert T. Nye.
Wm. Jordan.

S. W. Harmon.
Joseph Shaw.
Wm. M. Beekman.
Thos. J. Snow.
*Fred G. Warren.

B. P. CARPENTER POST NO. 41, CHELSEA.

Chartered February 13, 1882.

Membership 22.

Chartered February 13, 1882.	Commander, C. Bowen.	Membership 22.
<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
T. E. Wood.	E. L. Negus.	
J. F. Harrington.	L. Reilly.	
E. Gorman.	Wm. Yocum.	
Rush Green.	A. N. Morton.	
J. F. Watrous.		

CHAS. T. FOSTER POST NO. 42, LANSING.

Chartered February 2, 1882.

Membership 274.

Chartered February 2, 1882.	*Commander, Uriah Lazell.	Membership 274.
<i>Delegates.</i>	<i>Alternates.</i>	
Daniel D. Mevis.	W. L. Brown.	
*Albert Spinks.	A. H. Wager.	
*John Davidson.	C. W. Crocket.	
Everett Woodruff.	Elisha Watson.	
Chas. E. Phelps.	*A. E. Andrews.	
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Wm. L. Reed.	Allen S. Shattuck.	
*Frederick Schneider.	Wm. W. Cook.	
*Edwin R. Havens.	*Geo. J. Foster.	
Frank M. Howe.	Scymour Foster.	
Wm. C. Nesen.	*Geo. W. Stone.	
*Addison S. Boyce.	Lewis A. Miller.	
W. P. Treadway.	*W. A. Bolter.	
*I. N. Ashley.	*Lester J. Kenney.	
Sidney Edson.	*John Oatley.	
Chas. Turrell.	*Fayette Wyckoff.	
Thos. Blossom.	*John A. Hubbell.	
Austin Trowbridge.	J. H. Lyman.	
J. A. Wardell.	*Albert Frantz.	

SCOTT POST NO. 43, BLISSFIELD.

Chartered February 16, 1882.

Membership 44.

Chartered February 16, 1882.	*Commander, N. T. Stoner.	Membership 44.
<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>	
David Lamley.	*Geo. Dickenson.	
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
John Rentz.	Horace R. Wood.	
Frank A. Sperry.	Wm. Ten Eyck.	
Geo. F. Ford.	Edwin Youngs.	
W. H. Colyer.	J. R. Carpenter.	
H. H. Wilber.	N. T. Stoner.	
*Fred Bay.	Byron Tripp.	
E. R. Welch.	Geo. Dickinson.	

ANSON SANFORD POST NO. 44, SANFORD.

Chartered September 23, 1889.

Membership 8.

Chartered September 23, 1889.	Commander, John M. Howe.	Membership 8.
<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>	

Past Commanders.

John W. H. Brooks.
H. G. Thorington.
John W. Howe.

Leonard Pawling.
John F. Briggs.

WOODBURY POST NO. 45, ADRIAN.

Chartered February 13, 1882.

Membership 117.

*Commander, A. Dobbins.

Delegates.

Henry H. Howes.
*Chas. M. Cone.

Alternates.

G. Lyman.
Frank Buck.

Past Commanders.

Geo. R. Cochrane.
Samuel Patton.
*B. F. Graves.
B. F. Mattern.
Geo. Irwin.
*Hope Welch.
*Clark W. Decker.
*Oliver H. Beach.
S. E. Graves.
D. B. Morgan.
W. F. Bradley.

Geo. Austin.
John B. Allen.
Henry Mickley.
Wm. Jibb.
Sam. W. Hamilton.
*Squire Johnson.
John Britton.
Harry T. Roch.
Peter A. N. Beck.
*Oliver H. Beach.
John H. Purdy.

JACOB G. FOY POST NO. 46, GANGES.

Chartered.

Membership 12

Commander, W. H. Dunn.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Wm. H. Dunn.
H. H. Goodrich.
Geo. T. Clapp.
S. W. Eddy.
Robt. Payne.
E. J. King.

Geo. G. Dean.
J. P. Eddy.
W. H. Hess.
W. C. Dow.
C. W. Holmes.
M. M. Bronson.

EDWARD POMEROY POST NO. 48, JACKSON.

Chartered March 9, 1882.

Membership 192.

*Commander, Willis W. Crocker.

*Delegates.**Alternates.*

*J. Dawson.
W. E. Howard.
*J. Creque.
*J. Sutton.

*G. H. Coleman.
H. Bailey.
J. Hoyt.
T. J. White.

Past Commanders.

A. D. Welling.
O. F. Kaywood.
*Albert Dunham.
M. S. Redfield.
C. H. Haskin.
Albert W. Martin.
J. L. Sample.
D. J. Willson.
J. D. Jewell.

Frank White.
Dewitt C. Faxon.
*Wm. H. Porter.
Thos. Daniels.
S. B. Davis.
Thos. Moloney.
A. G. Miller.
Lewis Pelton.

WADSWORTH POST NO. 49, LAWRENCE.

Chartered March 16, 1882.

Membership 23.

Commander, Geo. McFenn.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Past Commanders.

Thomas C. Tyner.
Charles Cook.
John H. Shoemaker.

Francis Branch.
Geo. W. Hillyard.
Rufus M. Rowe.

JOHN T. REYNOLDS POST NO. 52, PENTWATER.

Chartered November 18, 1887.

Membership 21.

*Commander, W. A. Clark.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

T. O. Gardner.
W. A. Clark.
J. Beckwith.
A. Jacobs.

Martin Knifftile.
Geo. Tate.
L. A. Leffingwell.
Geo. Houseman.

PHIL M'KERNAN POST NO. 53, MASON.

Chartered April 8, 1882.

Membership 43.

*Commander, Hugh Blakely.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Fred Hines.

W. A. Petty.

Past Commanders.

*T. M. Saraw.
*Hugh Blakely.
G. L. Barnaby.
*Fred Hines.

S. C. Parker.
H. C. Freeland.
*W. J. Adams.

O. P. MORTON POST NO. 54, MANTON.

Chartered April 15, 1882.

Membership 19.

Commander, A. A. Clawson.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Xera Ellsworth.
D. B. Averill.
Edward Morgan.

A. A. Clawson.
R. A. Cory.

CAPT. H. BARROWS POST NO. 55, ARMADA.

Chartered June 4, 1895.

Membership 13.

Commander, E. A. Gibson.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

J. P. Curtis.

David H. Curtis.

Past Commanders.

Peter B. Cade.
Homer G. Sperry.
Marion Bates.
L. J. Compton.

A. S. Hathaway.
William Hamlin.
Wm. B. Hamilton.
A. B. Weston.

C. J. BASSETT POST NO. 56, ALLEGAN.

Chartered April 25, 1882.

Membership 59.

Commander, N. W. Houser.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Marion Renniff.

Past Commanders.

W. W. Warner.
N. W. Houser.
Geo. W. Cady.
J. W. Eley.
John S. Curtis.
W. H. Perry.
Emerson Allen.

Sam'l. F. Murphy.
L. W. Belinger.
L. Y. Cady.
Geo. B. Myers.
M. A. Powell.
John W. Hurlburt.
James C. Leggett.

THOMAS MANNING POST NO. 57, MARCELLUS.

Chartered May 19, 1882.

Membership 60.

Delegate.

*Bruce Lewis.

*Commander, G. I. Nash.

Alternate.

W. J. Herbert.

Past Commanders.

W. J. Kellogg.
J. B. Fortner.
Peter Schall.
G. I. Nash.
*W. R. Snider.

H. M. Notingham.
Ray T. Streeter.
Levi Dennis.
Frank T. Wolf.
C. Lounson.

A. COLVIN POST NO. 59, GOBLEVILLE.

Chartered May 22, 1882.

Membership 26.

Delegate.

*Commander, G. W. Lewis.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

L. S. Lee.
Phil Bush.
Bradley Randall.
E. M. Brown.

Geo. Meyers.
M. J. Blakeman.
Richard Hill.

DEWEY POST NO. 60, LESLIE.

Chartered May 25, 1882.

Membership 42.

Delegate.

*W. D. Longyear.

*Commander, A. H. Laberteaux.

Alternate.

Richard C. Bishop.

Past Commanders.

L. C. Rice.
A. H. Laberteaux.
J. B. Scovel.
W. D. Longyear.

R. C. Bishop.
A. A. Lombard.
E. E. Stone.

C. F. DOORE POST NO. 61, GAYLORD.

Chartered May 19, 1882.

Membership 11.

Delegate.

Commander, L. W. Lyon.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

*Wm. H. Smith.
Orson Higley.
Phillip Sparr.

L. W. Lyon.
Benj. F. Ordway.

JEWELL POST NO. 62, CEDAR SPRINGS.

Chartered June 3, 1882.

Membership 17.

Delegate.

W. H. Jones.

Commander, Silas T. Church.

Alternate.

Oscar Stout.

Past Commanders.

D. G. Dove.
L. Bearss.
John T. Pomeroy.

J. D. Jackson.
Miles Mulford.

G. K. WARNER POST NO. 63, EAST TAWAS.

Chartered June 20, 1882.

Membership 22.

Delegate.

Commander, F. E. Hayes.

Alternate.

Past Commanders.

Theo. Hills.
B. F. Oakes.
F. E. Hayes.
Wardwell Chase.

J. M. Walker.
S. C. Williams.
John Youngs.
C. F. Adams.

W. J. MAY POST NO. 65, JONES.

Chartered July 24, 1882.

Membership 18.

Delegate.

Commander, S. P. King.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Luther Kinney.
D. Trottels.
A. P. Beeman.
T. P. Ayers.

I. S. Pound.
H. H. Bowen.
N. G. Stanard.

STEVENS POST NO. 66, EAST JORDAN.

Chartered December 4, 1882.

Membership 28.

Delegate.

*Commander, Alex Bush.

Alternate.

Wm. Harrington.

E. P. Hubbard.

Past Commanders.

J. W. Rogers.
L. C. Madison.
Geo. J. Bowen.

J. H. Kocker.
Geo. W. Hayner.

U. S. GRANT POST NO. 67, BAY CITY.

Chartered June 12, 1882.

Membership 86.

Delegates.

*Commander, John Van Buren.

Alternates.

*Hiram Russell.

Jacob Fox.

*Fitz Hudson.

Robt. Splane.

Past Commanders.

H. C. Green.
Frank Berdan.
C. L. Collins.
*James Van Kleeck.
J. P. Day.
August Meisel.
*Griff Lewis.

L. McHugh.
S. Wilhelm.
O. F. Kellogg.
*L. A. L. Gilbert.
J. Van Buren.
P. O. Gibbons.
*L. T. Houk.

SHIELDS POST NO. 68, SHELBY.

Chartered July 27, 1882.

Membership 23.

Delegate.

Commander, Henry H. Gilbert.

Alternate.

Edwin S. Randall.

Joel W. Morse.

Past Commanders.

Phil Penfield.
W. P. Shafer.
Wm. H. Barry.
Augustus Fleming.
Samuel Wright.
F. A. Pitts.

G. W. Carroll.
J. D. Randall.
Burr Pittinger.
A. H. Towne.
H. C. Morris.
L. B. Wildey.

DWIGHT MAY POST NO. 69, MIDLAND.

Chartered June 29, 1882.

Membership 30.

Delegate.

Commander, I. H. Richardson.

Alternate.

*Alfred Lee.

Past Commanders.

J. W. Snell.
 Geo. H. Richardson.
 True Hart.
 C. L. Jenney.

T. B. Main.
 Wm. L. Stearns.
 Henry D. Northway.
 William Patterson.

ED. M. PRUTZMAN POST NO. 72, THREE RIVERS.

Chartered September 7, 1882.

Membership 50.

Commander J. Don Wolfe.

Delegate.

*Chas. Shelhart.

Alternate.

Henry Kramb.

Past Commanders.

W. H. Bumphrey.
 James Bouton.
 S. M. Snyder.
 Jeff. P. McKey.
 W. C. Porter.
 James L. Haines.

Russell R. Pealer.
 A. A. Udell.
 *Bishop E. Andrews.
 *Geo. A. B. Cooke.
 J. D. Wolf.

A. B. STURGIS POST NO. 73, STURGIS.

Chartered September 1, 1882.

Membership 22.

Commander Emanuel Zeigler.

Delegate.

J. W. Tyler.

Alternate.

D. W. Robinson.

Past Commanders.

J. H. Whitmer.
 L. J. Twitchell.
 P. J. Rodes.
 O. D. Russell.
 E. B. Cooke.

P. H. Van Vleck.
 H. L. Anthony.
 E. Zeigler.
 A. A. Wilber.

STERLING POST NO. 74, WAYLAND.

Chartered August 31, 1882.

Membership 17.

Commander, Chas. B. Brown.

Delegate.

V. P. Fales.

Alternate.

Peter Ross.

Past Commanders.

Peter Ross.
 John H. Peck.
 Frank E. Pickett.
 James M. Potts.
 C. B. Brown.

Jerry H. Sargent.
 Albert W. Nash.
 Varsol P. Fales.
 Isaac N. Hoyt.
 David Knowles.

WETHERWAX POST NO. 75, GRAND HAVEN.

Chartered September 13, 1882.

Membership 29.

*Commander, Tony Boet.

Delegate.

John Larkins.

Alternate.

Orson Vanderhoef.

Past Commanders.

C. E. Soule.
 C. N. Dickenson.
 G. A. Farr.
 Edward Millman.
 William Walters.

Orson Vanderhoef.
 Wm. Kefgen.
 Anthony Boet.
 H. C. Bement.
 Philander Palmer.

JOSEPH B. SMITH POST NO. 76, MONROE.

Chartered September 12, 1882.

Membership 43.

Commander, J. Sorter.

Delegate.

A. T. Navarre.

Alternate.

B. Stuner

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Past Commanders.

Geo. Spaulding.
H. E. Austin.
F. Caux.
Burton Parker.
F. B. Nelson.
H. Beisel.

C. Gruner.
J. Callum.
Wm. Hagans.
Wm. F. Haight.
A. Lahr.

FRANK HICKS POST NO. 78, DANVILLE.

Chartered September 18, 1882.

Membership 16.

Commander, A. L. Crossman.

Delegate.

Merritt Hicks.

Alternate.

Chas. H. Miller.

Past Commanders.

Andrews Beers.
O. L. Lothrop.
C. F. Patrick.

A. L. Crossman.
C. L. Randall.

ORCUTT POST NO. 79, KALAMAZOO.

Chartered September 20, 1882.

Membership 159.

*Commander, J. H. Johnson.

Delegates.

*W. A. Keyser.
*Geo. W. Downey.
David C. Oaks.

Alternates.

L. A. Mason.
G. E. Dunbar.
M. Gillespie.

Past Commanders.

Geo. M. Buck.
Wm. F. Sherman.
J. D. Turner.
Freeman Hall.
F. P. Muhlenberg.
John Barker.
Enoch Shafer.
Aaron Miller.
P. H. Burke.
J. E. White.
Geo. F. Larned.

John D. Sumner.
H. P. Shutt.
E. S. Bissell.
Chas. Prange.
Geo. Clark.
Geo. W. Doane.
S. H. Laport.
*Eli Strong.
Robt. F. Hill.
C. W. Davenport.

HARLOW BRIGGS POST NO. 80, HOPKINS STATION.

Chartered September 25, 1882.

Membership 23.

Commander, Arnold Brockway.

Delegate.

W. J. Lumsby.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

*John Hoffmaster.
Geo. Ruehle.
John Bacon.
Wesley McBride.
Arnold Brockway.

Chas. Tiefenthal.
Fred Hodges.
Henry H. Smith.
J. G. Ellinger.
W. H. Miller.

COL. JEFFORDS POST NO. 82, NASHVILLE.

Chartered September 19, 1882.

Membership 16.

Commander, A. R. Williams.

Delegate.

R. C. Smith.

Alternate.

A. T. Rowley.

Past Commanders.

Geo. Wellman.
E. D. Williams.
G. W. Perry.
R. C. Smith.

Wm. Boston.
A. R. Williams.
Alex. McKinzey.

WM. A. KENT POST NO. 83, GREENVILLE.

Chartered October 6, 1882.

Membership 42.

*Commander, A. J. Cole.

Delegate.

*R. W. Stevens.

Alternate.

C. C. Johnson.

Past Commanders.

John Avery.
O. B. Green.
A. J. Cole.
C. O. Jennison.
O. J. Cary.
H. M. Caukin.

*L. W. Sprague.
O. W. Green.
A. H. Tibbitts.
A. T. Bliss.
John W. French.
Geo. W. Turner.

COL. BAKER POST NO. 84, KALKASKA.

Chartered October 9, 1882.

Membership 30.

Commander, David M. White.

Delegate.

Elijah Goodwin.

Alternate.

Jesse Decker.

Past Commanders.

James A. Harriott.
James Greacen.
Jas. M. Flagg.
John Lewis.
Willard R. Parker.

W. J. Wilson.
Chas. H. DePuy.
James M. Steel.
John E. Rainbow.
W. H. Bockes.

CHAS. WOODRUFF POST NO. 85, THREE OAKS.

Chartered October 16, 1882.

Membership 20.

Commander, F. F. Sovereign.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Dwight Warren.
Fred F. Sovereign.

Wm. W. Smith.
Chas. H. Davis.

GEN. LYON POST NO. 86, MANCIELONA.

Chartered October 10, 1882.

Membership 21.

Commander, C. C. Parker.

Delegate.

Wm. Martin.

Alternate.

Geo. Cutting.

Past Commanders.

J. O. Lyons.
J. W. Wallace.
James J. Ayers.

Davis S. Davis.
D. W. Lazell.

JOS. WILSON POST NO. 87, LOWELL.

Chartered October 16, 1882.

Membership 41.

Commander, W. R. Andrews.

Delegate.

T. B. Carter.

Alternate.

John H. Hatch.

Past Commanders.

S. B. Hicks.
R. B. Boylean.

J. H. Godfrey.
D. O. Shear.

CORBIN POST NO. 88, UNION CITY.

Chartered October 17, 1882.

Membership 53.

Commander, C. L. Burnett.

Delegate.

C. W. Fenno.

Alternate.

Tho. Knapp.

L. E. Haisn.
M. F. Buell.
O. N. Dennison.
J. W. Blakewell.
J. M. Wells.

C. M. Hall.
M. E. Blair.
Henry Seymour.
J. D. Parks.
Geo. D. Eberhard.

RANSOM POST NO. 89, FLUSHING.

Chartered October 18, 1882.

Membership 14.

<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>*Commander, Jas. M. Greenfield.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
Henry H. Kahl.		J. H. Callander.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*J. M. Greenfield.		Cyrus Phelps.
S. H. Thomas.		*J. M. Caldwell.
H. A. Miller.		*Chester Felton.
*James Armstrong.		M. V. Banning.
*W. J. Ottaway.		

J. N. PENOYER POST NO. 90, SAGINAW, W. S.

Chartered November 14, 1882.

Membership 38.

<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>*Commander, Adolph Taifer.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
O. F. Mosier.		J. F. Brand.
Albert Trask.		N. B. Kinsey.
N. S. Wood.		J. P. Sherman.
C. A. Beelman.		E. St. John.
Fred Wellington.		H. S. Averill.
Henry Vance.		J. H. Leavenworth.
J. G. McMillan.		John Monroe.
J. H. Wellington.		John W. Foote.

WM. D. WILKINS POST NO. 91, ST. LOUIS.

Chartered October 25, 1882.

Membership 24.

<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>*Commander, Henry Davison.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
*Geo. Wilcox.		Geo. W. Saunders.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
A. B. Darragh.		L. B. Longwell.
*L. W. Beach.		Willard Gray.
C. H. Crandall.		L. L. Conell.
Chas. Morrow.		H. E. Histed.
Henry Davison.		Randolph Root.
		L. L. Cornwell.

WALLACE POST NO. 95, FLAT ROCK.

Chartered December 9, 1882.

Membership 19.

<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Commander, S. F. Smith.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
William Laura.		Sherman Rice.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
J. M. Van Riper.		W. B. Littlefield.
*S. F. Smith.		C. Strewing.
*Albert W. Wagar.		F. Ferstel.
B. Parish.		*J. R. Brown.
E. Beach.		H. W. Moses.
*F. M. Reid.		

CARTER POST NO. 96, UNION.

Chartered December 21, 1882. Membership 10.
 Commander, C. C. Parker.
Delegate. S. J. Graham. *Alternate.* Benj. Probst.
 H. F. Garman. *Past Commanders.* C. C. Parker.

JOHN J. BAGLEY POST NO. 97, HERSEY.

Chartered December 27, 1882. Membership 12.
 Commander, L. F. Corey.
Delegate. Geo. I. Hale. *Alternate.* I. N. Amens.
 Wm. B. C. Pitts. *Past Commanders.* P. A. Hall.
 Wm. D. Lovell. B. F. Casey.
 L. F. Corey.

WILLIAM SANBORN POST NO. 98, PORT HURON.

Chartered December 30, 1882. Membership 58.
 *Commander, W. O. Lee.
Delegate. *Robert Bahner. *Alternate.* A. A. Carlton.
 E. S. Post. *Past Commanders.* *J. W. Burns.
 *L. A. Sherman. *G. B. Windover.
 *Geo. W. Howe. *A. H. Welsher.
 *W. H. Brown. *Harvey Hyde.
 *J. D. Kinney. *Edwin S. Petit.
 *N. D. Brown. *Nicholas D. Brown.
 *C. W. Higgins.

M. W. DRESSER POST NO. 100, LYONS.

Chartered January 10, 1883. Membership 23.
 Commander, T. A. Steadman.
Delegate. J. O. Probasco. *Alternate.* Frank Coner.
 B. H. Stevens. *Past Commanders.* Chas. W. Lung.
 Geo. W. Terry. T. H. Steadman.

MOSES WISNER POST NO. 101, ITHACA.

Chartered January 13, 1883. Membership 39.
 Commander, K. P. Peet.
Delegate. *J. J. Walters. *Alternate.* Chas. Stafford.
 N. G. Sutliff. *Past Commanders.* James Donaldson.
 *W. H. Beasley. *J. B. Zarbaugh.
 Wm. L. Phillips. Wm. Stahl.
 E. B. Killee. W. J. Clark.
 Thomas Crofford. K. P. Peet.
 A. W. Russell. A. J. Brown.

ELI P. ALEXANDER POST NO. 103, WILLIAMSTON.

Chartered January 16, 1883. Membership 28
 Commander, Hiram Haire.
Delegate. *Alternate.*

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Past Commanders.

Wm. L. Robson.
H. M. Bigelow.
Mathias Coad.
Hiram Haire.
R. Wiggins.

Chas. E. West.
Milo Vannetter.
Leroy Satterlee.
C. E. Lockwood.

WORTH POST NO. 106, TEKONSHA.

Chartered February 15, 1883.

Membership 15.

Commander, Willard Whitney.

Delegate.

*R. E. Eldrid.

Alternate.

H. G. Sebring.

Past Commanders.

Willard Whitney.
William Gribbins.
C. H. Miller.

Wm. H. Davis.
Geo. Blashfield.

TIM LEWIS POST NO. 107, DIMONDALE.

Chartered March 17, 1883.

Membership 23.

Commander, John M. Spitler.

Delegate.

*Chas. H. Holcomb.

Alternate.

J. B. Gregory.

Past Commanders.

*Andrew Pray.
*N. P. Bateman.
John M. Spitler.
Albert Shotwell.
A. D. Carlton.

Jas. A. Bell.
O. G. Andrews.
E. D. Butler.
S. Rumsey.

EARL HALBERT POST NO. 108, GRAND LEDGE.

Chartered March 15, 1883.

Membership 62.

*Commander Wm. H. Hill.

Delegate.

Lewis Barton.

Alternate.

E. O. Russell.

Past Commanders.

J. S. Holmes.
W. D. Southworth.
H. L. Bigelow.
B. F. Sanborn.
J. D. Summers.

N. W. Tracy.
D. G. Kennedy.
Henry Munn.
John C. Clark.
W. R. Pierce.

BUTTERWORTH POST NO. 109, COLDWATER.

Chartered March 9, 1883.

Membership 106.

Commander, Brooks R. Amsden.

Delegates.

Jefferson Burns.
A. T. Kinney.

Alternates.

Ira Adams.
Jed Wilcox.

Past Commanders.

N. A. Reynolds.
Geo. H. Turner.
Henry Firth.
H. C. Simons.
Alfred Milnes.
B. K. Robbins.
Frank Eaton.
C. W. Bennett.

T. S. Osborn.
Chas. R. Thompson.
F. D. Newberry.
H. H. Benson.
E. E. Lewis.
L. S. Daniels.
Hezekiah Sweet.

DE GOLYER POST NO. 110, HUDSON.

Chartered March 12, 1883.

Membership 30.

Commander, Edwin Camp.
Alternate.

*Delegate.**Past Commanders.*

R. A. Beach.
 Fred Barkway.
 Edwin Camp.
 A. H. Boies.
 Mathew Burt.

J. K. Periman.
 C. H. Eastman.
 Wm. A. Barnard.
 Orlando Haynes.

J. B. BRAINARD POST NO. 111, EATON RAPIDS.

Chartered March 14, 1883.

Membership 119.

Delegates. *Commander, John Thompson.

Alternates.

*W. D. Fuller.
 *B. K. Crandall.

John Putnam.
 S. J. Welch.

Past Commanders.

*G. W. Norton.
 H. B. Olmsted.
 W. D. Brainard.
 Eli Cook.
 Geo. Noble.
 Jasper Rolph.
 *Roswell West.
 *L. A. Fowler.

D. M. Beman.
 H. J. Milburn.
 *Alonzo Cheney.
 C. B. Fowler.
 *J. J. Holmes.
 *N. J. De Bar.
 L. W. Ramsey.

MILES POST NO. 113, ST. CLAIR.

Chartered March 15, 1883.

Membership 11.

Delegate. Commander, David P. Ingles.

Alternate.

Benj. B. Dotler.

Frank W. Preston.

Past Commanders.

*John Fink.

*W. H. Smith.

JOHN GILLULY POST NO. 114, FOWLERVILLE.

Chartered March 22, 1883.

Membership 40.

Delegate. Commander, W. M. Horton.

Alternate.

Sanford E. House.

*J. G. Copeland.

Past Commanders.

*Wm. M. Horton.
 G. D. Hamilton.
 *Louis Coble.

A. H. Smith.
 *C. E. Dunstan.
 Geo. L. Fisher.

ELLIOTT POST NO. 115, WHITE PIGEON.

Chartered March 23, 1883.

Membership 13.

Delegate. Commander, Daniel Saunters.

Alternate.

Daniel Saunters.

Martin Luther.

Past Commanders.

Martin Luther.
 A. J. Rowinsky.

C. Y. Gardner.

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

D. G. ROYCE POST NO. 117, BYRON.

Chartered March 22, 1883.

Membership 8.

Delegate

*Jos Schweikert.

*Commander, L. C. Kanouse.

Alternate.

Addison Lewis.

Past Commanders.

*G. LaDue.

W. H. Borst.

J. Goff.

A. Lewis.

*L. C. Kanouse.

*M. D. Comstock

Wm. Close.

WADELL POST NO. 120, HOWELL.

Chartered April 5, 1883.

Membership 44.

Delegate.

Edgar Noble.

Commander, A. F. Peavy.

Alternate.

Freeman Rorabacher.

Past Commanders.

G. W. Axtell.

R. D. W. Woodworth.

R. E. Parshall.

Asa Parshall.

Frank Jordan.

Calvin Wilcox.

Marshall Borden.

M. W. Dickinson.

Geo. Barnes.

H. H. Collins.

E. D. Sargent.

A. F. Peavey.

John McGivner.

PAP THOMAS POST NO. 121, CHESANING.

Chartered April 6, 1883.

Membership 26.

Delegate

Commander, Orion W. Damon.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

John Marshall.

David O. Quigley.

S. B. Vannocker.

Hyman Lee.

H. T. Weaver.

CARVER POST NO. 123, FRANKFORT.

Chartered April 7, 1883.

Membership 15.

Delegate.

Commander, C. C. Forney.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

John Hallabaugh.

A. J. Schuester.

John S. Perry.

FITZGERALD POST NO. 125, HASTINGS.

Chartered April 11, 1883.

Membership 46.

Delegate.

*T. C. Williams.

Commander, Frank Pierce.

Alternate.

Jas. H. Sutton.

Past Commanders.

H. H. Trask.

*Oliver H. Greenfield.

M. B. Todd.

D. E. Birdsall.

H. Marble.

J. W. Bronson.

Travers Philips.

W. H. Garrison.

J. W. Cutler.

Caleb W. Moore.

H. Palmieter.

B. W. Shiner.

Jos. C. Wardell.

Wm. Ream.

Wm. S. Langston.

DAN S. ROOT POST NO. 126, BELDING.

Chartered April 14, 1883.

Membership 35.

Delegate.

*Mat Kohn.

*Commander, Frank R. Chase.

Alternate.

G. A. Hanks.

Past Commanders.

*B. F. Tower.

Frank R. Chase.

*W. R. Olds.

J. H. Keeney.

C. M. Slayton.

"BILLY" BEGOLE POST NO. 127, MAPLE RAPIDS.

Chartered April 15, 1883.

Membership 21.

Delegate.

Robt. Anderson.

Commander, J. E. Jones.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Robert Anderson.

J. A. Knickerbocker.

Thomas Anderson.

J. E. Jones.

S. M. Boyle.

B. G. HUTCHINSON POST NO. 129, FOWLER.

Chartered April 21, 1883.

Membership 11.

Delegate.

Fred Miller.

Commander, W. E. Hamilton.

Alternate.

Smith H. Hunt.

Past Commanders.

F. A. Stowe.

Wm. M. Young.

Jesse Evarts.

Edward Case.

HENRY M. LIDDLE POST NO. 131, COLON.

Chartered April 21, 1883.

Membership 29.

Delegate.

James Zeluff.

Commander, John L. Lytle

Alternate.

James Smitley.

Past Commanders.

John L. Lytle.

W. T. Renner.

William Boughton.

John Anderson.

Charles Clement.

John A. Mosher.

*E. Kemerling.

E. P. Wellsley.

JOHN MEGABRAH POST NO. 132, PORTLAND.

Chartered April 27, 1883.

Membership 49.

Delegate.

*E. C. Fox.

*Commander, John Van Horn.

Alternate.

John Horner.

Past Commanders.

H. W. Holcomb.

H. Outwater.

Vincent Taylor.

J. D. Woodbury.

John W. Van Horn.

J. B. Blacksom.

*Wm. G. Miner.

W. J. Whitney.

H. C. Glines.

SAMUEL JUDD POST NO. 133, NEWAYGO.

Chartered April 27, 1883.

Membership 19.

Delegate.

Commander, S. D. Thompson.

Alternate.

Past Commanders.

J. H. Edwards.
S. D. Thompson.
W. H. Ostrom.

L. C. Gates.
S. Bartram.
Geo. Morse.

FRED W. WALKER POST NO. 134, MT. MORRIS.

Chartered April 27, 1883.

Membership 12.

Commander, Geo. Shiebel.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Dexter Douglas.

Martin W. Fairbanks.

Past Commanders.

J. C. C. Stephens.
Geo. W. Clute.
*John Hughes.
M. W. Fairbanks.

John Mitchell.
U. Bache.
Geo. Schiebel.

BARTHOLOMEW POST NO. 136, NUNICA.

Chartered May 11, 1883.

Membership 11.

Commander, E. R. Porter.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

A. H. Vanampworth.

F. W. Greene.

Past Commanders.

J. A. Bond.
John Castle.
H. E. Plant.
A. G. Hayward.

T. W. Dandy.
John Howard.
John Eckhoff.
E. R. Porter.

WELCH POST NO. 137, ANN ARBOR.

Chartered May 8, 1883.

Membership 54.

*Commander, Wm. Baird.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Geo. W. Butler.

A. D. Markham

Past Commanders.

*Henry S. Dean.
*J. Q. A. Sessions.
J. M. Perkins.
W. H. Jackson.
Chas. H. Manley.
*W. R. Childs.
W. A. Clark.
N. P. Jacobs.

Robt. Campbell.
Harrison Soule.
H. J. Pierson.
A. F. Martin.
Silas P. Hill.
Herman Knapp.
*R. L. Warren.
C. H. Stevens.

HORACE S. ROBERTS POST NO. 139, ALPENA.

Chartered May 23, 1883.

Membership 29.

*Commander, Frank Hasell.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

J. J. Potter.
*C. M. Demming.
A. C. Rice.

*Frank Hasell.
John C. Viall.

BEERS POST NO. 140, TECUMSEH.

Chartered May 18, 1881.

Membership 53.

Commander, J. M. Ingersoll.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

H. H. Smith.

William Jay.

Past Commanders.

*Elwill Camborn.
J. W. Wightman.
A. W. Mills.
John D. Shull.
H. J. Sweet.
H. C. Daniels.
Chas. Davis.

J. M. Ingersoll.
H. W. Stevens.
Geo. J. Keyser.
Elmer A. Wilson.
Wm. Smith.
Henry Wagner

A. MACOMBER POST NO. 141, LAKEVIEW.

Chartered May 25, 1883.

Membership 25.

Delegate.

Commander, Hiram Cornwell.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

O. A. Adams.
John W. LaRue.
C. S. Vinning.
August Wilcox.

Leonard Rossman.
B. S. Vest.
C. M. Moon.
Hiram Cornwell.

WHITESIDES POST NO. 143, CARO.

Chartered May 25, 1883.

Membership 9.

Delegate.

Commander, Lyman C. Grady.

Alternate.

J. P. Westfall.

J. L. Myers.

*Past Commanders.***TURBILL POST NO. 144, LAPEER.**

Chartered May 29, 1883.

Membership 44.

Delegate.

*Commander, O. S. Church.

Alternate.

Henry Magoregel.

*Geo. Barber.

Past Commanders.

Robt. King.
O. S. Church.
G. W. Cramton.
F. McElroy.

Louis O. Bryan.
Geo. B. Farquaharson.
Peter Bessette.
David R. Laing.

GOV. CRAPO POST NO. 145, FLINT.

Chartered June 7, 1883.

Membership 120.

Delegates.

*Commander, Geo. Raab.

Alternates.

*John Hollingsworth.

Milo Swears.

*John M. Hart.

W. H. Wilcox.

Past Commanders.

O. F. Lockhead.
*M. C. Barney.
Chas. L. Bentley.
Paul Countryman.
*John W. Begg.
Frank E. Willets.
Ed. C. Marsh.
Jarvis E. Albro.

J. W. Benjamin.
Joseph Rush.
Geo. E. Newell.
*Geo. Raab.
*James H. Failing.
*Jas. W. Van Tassel.
Thos. A. Willits.
E. A. Jennings.

DICK RICHARDSON POST NO. 147, PONTIAC.

Chartered June 11, 1883.

Membership 50.

Delegate.

*Commander, Sam'l H. Giles.

Alternate.

*Thomas Wyckoff.

W. E. Sprague.

Past Commanders.

*Wm. H. Morgans.	B. J. Fuller.
*John Benjamin.	Lucius Looree.
*D. Judson Hammond.	S. J. Cloonan.
*D. S. Howard.	*Wm. Cheals.
Samuel Giles.	*E. S. Whitcomb.
James Orr.	*D. C. Nale.
*Chauncey Brace.	*H. F. Daniels.
*S. S. Mathews.	

DAHLGREEN POST NO. 149, HOLTON.

Chartered June 13, 1883.

Membership 21.

Delegate.

H. Morbison.

Commander, Jos. Zerlant.

Alternate.

Isaac Smith.

Past Commanders.

H. W. Crawford.	Joseph Zerlant.
James T. Henry.	Fred J. Clark.
J. B. Ruggles.	Geo. H. Buzzell.
Oliver Lewis.	Geo. D. Thompson.
D. D. Church.	Jos. Bermir.
Aaron Kitchen.	W. H. Balkcum.
Chas. L. Buzzell.	

RALPH ELY POST NO. 150, SHEPHERD.

Chartered June 12, 1883.

Membership 18.

Delegate.

Wm. Joslyn.

Commander, J. B. Struble.

Alternate.

Wm. Willoughby.

Past Commanders.

R. Wellman.	I. N. Fordyce.
William Suix.	J. B. Northrop.
J. B. Strubel.	Geo. W. Fonts.

WILLIAM MOYER POST NO. 152, ALMA.

Chartered July 11, 1883.

Membership 43.

Delegate.

*Solomon Wilbur.

Commander, J. C. Gardner.

Alternate.

Chester Walker.

Past Commanders.

John Greig.	Henry Wise.
V. M. Wilson.	Geo. Willard.
Ezra Robinson.	Lafayette Stevens.
E. N. Chadwick.	*Jos. Sartor.
Francis Hawley.	R. R. Purvis.
J. W. Holmes.	

HIEL P. CLARK POST NO. 153, SARANAC.

Chartered July 2, 1883.

Membership 25.

Delegate.

*John Chappel.

Commander, Henry Pinckney.

Alternate.

Tracy Lowrey.

Past Commanders.

H. A. Harton.	A. W. Knee.
F. T. Haskin.	W. H. Pinckney.
Nathan Hubble.	S. C. Pickens.
Marshal Tanner.	S. E. Bevier.

GREGG POST NO. 155, HOMER.

Chartered July 11, 1883.

Membership 11.

Commander, Nathan D. Budon.
Alternate.
Past Commanders.
 C. D. Burt. D. H. James.
 A. P. Wyant. W. P. Marsh.

CHAS. E. GRISSON POST NO. 156, ST. JOHNS.

Chartered July 5, 1883.

Membership 69.

*Commander, W. M. Leeland.
Alternate.
Past Commanders.
 John W. Bradner. N. S. Parmalee.
 W. N. Stocker. J. L. Ring.
 M. A. Kniffin. D. S. French.
 O. E. Wilson. W. M. Leeland.
 J. P. Minard.

ALBERT ANDERSON POST NO. 157, CASSOPOLIS.

Chartered July 6, 883.

Membership 17.

Commander, Jacob McIntosh.
Alternate.
Delegate. H. C. Walker. John Bronner.
Past Commanders.
 M. A. Abbott. Norris Richardson.
 Jas. M. Shepard.

COLONEL ELY POST NO. 158, ELM HALL.

Chartered July 10, 1883.

Membership 24.

Commander, L. A. Carmer.
Alternate.
Delegate. *L. A. Carmer. E. Loomis.
Past Commanders.
 Seneca Sly. C. E. Prime.
 Geo. Rockafellow. James Toy.
 C. M. Guild. Augustus Wise.
 A. W. Morton. R. Schnepf.
 A. E. Winters. Geo. Oliver.
 J. W. Fullerton. John B. Wood.
 C. Button. Chas. D. Hills.

HENRY F. WALLACE POST NO. 160, CORUNNA.

Chartered July 12, 1883.

Membership 32.

*Commander, Wm. E. Jacobs.
Alternate.
Delegate. *Wm. H. Morrison. Chas. D. Foster.
Past Commanders.
 L. H. Wilcox. *Andrew Porter.
 Geo. D. Morean. Philip Kline.
 J. C. Thomas. H. DePugh.
 J. J. Peacock. *Wm. E. Jacobs.
 *A. L. Adams. E. D. Babcock.
 Ed. Conley.

F. U. FARQUHAR POST NO. 162, DETROIT.

Chartered July 20, 1883

Membership 15.

*Commander, John McCredie.
Alternate.
Delegate.
Past Commanders.

EDWARD DWIGHT POST NO. 163, VERMONTVILLE.

Chartered July 30, 1883.

Membership 37.

<i>Delegate.</i>	*Commander. Wm. Wright.	<i>Alternate.</i>
*Isriel Boyer.		Nelson House.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
J. N. Hawkins.	*C. F. Fuller.	
D. M. Purchis.	C. S. Snell.	
F. M. Potter.	H. H. Brown.	
C. A. Hollenbeck.	Orlando Gunn.	

O. COLGROVE POST NO. 166, MARSHALL.

Chartered August 4, 1838.

Membership 56.

<i>Delegate.</i>	*Commander. S. W. Thompson.	<i>Alternate.</i>
*Geo. Herington.		F. S. Waltz.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*Henry H. Miller.	S. W. Thompson.	
*Arthur Philips.	C. F. Walter.	
*David Walkinshaw.	Edson Treadwell.	
*John R. Roe.	S. B. Shotwell.	
*Henry A. Clute.	R. Z. Case.	
*John Cuzzins.	E. Marbel.	

MURRAY POST NO. 168, MAPLE CITY.

Chartered August 11, 1883.

Membership 9.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander. Wm. L. Bickle.	<i>Alternate.</i>
A. S. Fritz.		
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Marvin LaCore.	N. W. Harrington.	
J. W. Dickerman.	Wm. Bickle.	
A. S. Fritz.	John Dayo.	
Chester McIntyre.		

LUMBAED POST NO. 170, PETOSKEY.

Chartered August 11, 1883.

Membership 73.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander. V. A. Baker.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Dirk De Ruiter.		W. R. Montgomery.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Ora E. Clark.	Thos. McCabe.	
V. A. Baker.	Thos. Keyes.	
Melvin Burch.	Edward N. Tracy.	
Horace Pardee.	Wilbur F. Lawton.	
A. F. Ruch.	Louis A. Labadie.	
T. S. Langridge.	*W. R. Montgomery.	
Jos. A. C. Rowan.	Jos. B. Jordon.	
Edwin A. Dunton.	David Smith.	

JULIUS T. BARETT POST NO. 173, CARSON CITY.

Chartered August 22, 1883.

Membership 39.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander. A. A. Richardson.	<i>Alternate.</i>
N. L. Otis.		A. B. Knapp.

Past Commanders.

C. H. Morse.
 Geo. W. Garner.
 L. M. Lyon.
 E. M. Howell.
 Jas. F. Fillmore.
 A. A. Richardson.
 Alex. McCuaig.

A. J. Chambers.
 Geo. R. Gibbs.
 G. D. VanDusen.
 D. M. Shelley.
 Geo. Sanderson.
 C. W. Churchill.
 D. K. Ackley.

E. B. STILES POST NO. 174, HANCOCK.

Chartered August 30, 1883.

Membership 24.

Delegate.

Wm. H. Mason.

Commander, Wm. H. Mason.

Alternate.

A. J. Scott.

Past Commanders.

A. J. Scott.
 W. H. Mason.
 Chas. Smith.
 Geo. Johnson.

Arno Jachnig.
 H. B. Rogers.
 Graham Pope.

C. F. SMITH POST NO. 175, ESCANABA.

Chartered September 1, 1883.

Membership 18.

Delegate.

Hiram G. Squires.

Commander, Emil Glaser.

Alternate.

Mark Rushford.

Past Commanders.

A. H. Rolph.
 Norman A. Eddy.
 John Power.

Samuel Atkins.
 Emil Glaser.

MONTCALM POST NO. 176, STANTON.

Chartered December 6, 1895.

Membership 8.

Delegate.

Commander, John C. Grooms.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

James C. Percivil.
 E. D. Childs.
 Henry M. Hempstead.
 Asa Morse.
 John C. Grooms.

Geo. E. Barber.
 John Steele.
 John B. Cole.
 Chas. W. Blumberg.

CHAS. S. TRAVERSE POST NO. 177, CAPAC.

Chartered August 17, 1883.

Membership 22.

Delegate.

*Commander, Godfrey Schoneman.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

R. C. McNaught.
 *Andrew Curry.
 Chester Williams.
 Fred Ross.

*Ezra S. Frantz.
 Wm. C. Huggett.
 A. A. Smith.
 B. I. Wade.

TOM CUSTER POST NO. 178, SHERIDAN.

Chartered August 29, 1883.

Membership 12.

Delegate.

James Corl.

Commander, C. D. Harris.

Alternate.

W. H. Jones.

Past Commanders.

Lorenzo Allen.
 D. A. Pond.
 G. H. Minard.

C. D. Harris.
 A. T. Willyard.
 Samuel Sage.

DEWITT C. RUSSELL POST NO. 179, BRIGHTON.

Chartered August 30, 1883.

Membership 19.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, G. J. Baetcke.	<i>Alternate.</i>
F. H. Miller.		J. W. Fulton.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Wm. W. Pentlin.		H. P. Martin.
Wm. Halleck.		Daniel Smith.
James Shanks.		G. J. Baetcke.
L. H. Westphal.		

CARPENTER POST NO. 180, YPSILANTI.

Chartered August 30, 1883.

Membership 49.

<i>Delegate.</i>	*Commander, Frank Joslyn.	<i>Alternate.</i>
*H. R. Scovil.		James Arms.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*S. B. Merness.		A. D. L. Kinsley.
*Jerome Allen.		J. C. Tuttle.
Eugene Holbrook.		Frank Joslyn.
*H. C. Rankin.		O. P. Showers.
S. A. Ferguson.		Isaiah Rynerson.
D. W. Shipman.		Isaac E. Springer.
John Chapman.		Henry Nieman.
*J. H. Woodman.		A. E. Ford.
H. S. Boutell.		

HEBER LE FAVOUR POST NO. 181, MILFORD.

Chartered September 3, 1883.

Membership 65.

<i>Delegate.</i>	*Commander, S. D. Childs.	<i>Alternate.</i>
*Andrew Muir.		James D. Rowe.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
O. D. Stephens.		Judson Fielden.
John W. Stevens.		H. Walter Nichols.
Willis L. Smith.		Spencer D. Lee.
Alex. J. McCall.		Lyman Cate.
*Andrew Muir.		H. A. Rexford.
J. F. Beaumont.		Samuel W. McCall.
H. S. White.		James D. Rowe.
Walter Crawford.		Albert Manypenny.
Geo. W. Sturdevant.		*N. B. Babcock.
Joseph Allen.		

HENRY DOBSON POST NO. 182, FREMONT.

Chartered September 18, 1883.

Membership 37.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, F. A. Bacon.	<i>Alternate.</i>
T. H. Smith.		S. P. Odell.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
C. I. Rathbone.		S. G. Allen.
E. E. Giddings.		M. D. Cole.
A. M. Phelps.		F. M. Jackson.
F. A. Bacon.		Fred M. Nay.

J. B. McPHERSON POST NO. 183, HOLLY.

Chartered September 20, 1883.

Membership 13.

<i>Delegate.</i>	*Commander, D. E. Hathaway.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Chas. Tinsman.		Charles Woodworth.

Past Commanders.

Frank Downey.
L. M. Newell.

Edwin J. Eisenberg.
D. E. Hathaway.

HACKETT POST NO. 185, BRONSON.

Chartered September 25, 1883.

Membership 44.

Commander, Elisha Bailey.

Delegate.

Frederick P. Ellis.

Alternate.

David Gibbs.

Past Commanders.

*Charles Hamilton.
Henry Lilly.
David Gibbs.
Geo. H. Bolton.
Roman L. Whipple.
John Taggart.
Richard Coward.

Frank E. Hadley.
James P. Allen.
Wells Knapp.
Daniel Rich.
Robert Hurst.
Thos. Eberhard.
Alonzo Butler.

FRANK POWELL POST NO. 187, OXFORD.

Chartered September 27, 1883.

Membership 37.

*Commander, O. H. Deming.

Delegate.

Chas. B. Clark.

Alternate.

*Wm. Gage.

Past Commanders.

C. H. Crawford.
Gleason F. Perry.

L. I. Hoffman.
W. O. Davis.

GEO. C. WHITNEY POST NO. 188, HADLEY.

Chartered October 5, 1883.

Membership 12.

Commander, Lucius Sanborn.

Delegate.

John Paslean.

Alternate.

*Chas. Woodworth.

Past Commanders.

Geo. Thompson.
J. P. Suiter.
N. N. Green.

Geo. A. Cramton.
F. W. Goodale.
Lucius Sanborn.

WALLACE BROWN POST NO. 190, BIRCH RUN.

Chartered October 12, 1883.

Membership 13.

Commander, Wm. H. Ferguson.

Delegate.

Charles Workey.

Alternate.

James Brady.

Past Commanders.

W. H. Ferguson.
Wm. H. H. Douglas.
Milton Hadsal.

Victor B. Rottiers.
Richard M. Johnson.
John Irish.

O. J. FAST POST NO. 193, MENDON.

Chartered October 19, 1883.

Membership 14.

Commander, John S. Jones.

Delegate.

Henry Huff.
John C. Jones.
John Larkin.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

States A. McCoy.
Geo. A. Stevens.

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

JAMES BRADLEY POST NO. 194, CLIO.

Chartered October 28, 1883.

Membership 36.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Cyrus Perigo.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Hiram E. Monroe.		A. W. Webster.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
James L. Curry.		J. W. Buffinn.
W. H. Sargent.		Geo. Van Nest.
Chas. Woolson.		J. Lonsberry.
John Sloan.		*Chas. Beeman.

L. C. WOODMAN POST NO. 196, LAWTON.

Chartered October 28, 1883.

Membership 44.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, C. D. Hooper.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Harvey Harper.		S. R. Stowe.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
George Beldon.		Benj. Burlington.
John Mahard.		Geo. Erwin.
Jerome Stone.		Samuel Mahon.
James H. Hall.		James Wood.
Chas. D. Hooper.		C. W. Prine.

JOHN TUCKER POST NO. 197, ORTONVILLE.

Chartered November 2, 1883.

Membership 13.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Wm. H. Moore.	<i>Alternate.</i>
*Frank Thayer.		Sam Scrace.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Delos Adams.		Wm. H. Moore.
*J. R. Kipp.		F. M. Jones.
W. O. Davis.		Thomas Nicholson.

JAMES STEDMAN POST NO. 198, REED CITY.

Chartered November 5, 1883.

Membership 18.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, W. Corbett.	<i>Alternate.</i>
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Chas. Randall.		David Randall.
Daniel Donivan.		W. W. Corbett.
H. C. Stoddard.		Charles B. Williams.
Adolph Florida.		Jerry Mann.

PERRY BAKER POST NO. 200, CARLETON.

Chartered November 15, 1883.

Membership 20.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Geo. H. Post.	<i>Alternate.</i>
*Fred Ballou.		— Buck.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*H. D. Smith.		Walter Viles.
*W. C. Watson.		M. L. Baker.
F. Ballou.		

McGINLEY POST NO. 201, MANISTEE.

Chartered December 6, 1883.

Membership 26.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, E. W. Muenscher.	<i>Alternate.</i>
C. D. Gardner.		J. R. Lee.

Past Commanders.

Geo. A. Hart.
Allen McKee.
J. L. Manseau.

Wm. T. Brain.
E. W. Muenschner.

ALBERT NYE POST NO. 202, ROMEO.

Chartered December 13, 1883.

Membership 14.

*Commander, Freeborn H. Price.

Delegate.

Robt. Austin.

Alternate.

M. C. Crawford.

Past Commanders.

Freeborn H. Price.
S. Vandecar.

George A. Hines.
A. M. Thompson.

L. B. QUACKENBUSH POST NO. 205, OWOSSO.

Chartered December 21, 1883.

Membership 83.

*Commander, Jacob W. Smith.

Delegates.

*Chas. Jackson.

*David F. Collins.

Alternates.

E. R. Holmes.

Geo. W. Livingston.

Past Commanders.

*Chas. Freeman.
*Julius Frieseke.
O. F. Webster.
*Chas. L. Paris.
*M. C. Dawes.
Willard Knapp.
*W. R. Smith.
Robert Gray.

John Q. Adams.
*Thos. M. Wiley.
Wm. Guipe.
S. W. Sadler.
Duane C. Cooper.
Leonard S. Bowles.
Gilbert L. Osborn.

MAJOR WEBER POST NO. 206, BELLAIRE.

Chartered December 21, 1883.

Membership 25.

*Commander, Roswell Leavitt.

Delegate.

John Bush.

Alternate.

J. T. Watrous.

Past Commanders.

Henry W. Stewart.
Roswell Leavitt.
Wm. J. May.
James C. Abbott.

Elijah Baker.
F. W. Bechtold.
C. S. Smith.

GEORGE A. CUSTER POST NO. 208, GALIEN.

Chartered December 28, 1883.

Membership 21.

*Commander, Milton J. Morley.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Henry Keefer.
Wm. H. Beach.
Alonzo Goodenough.
Dan W. Swem.

Wm. F. Swem.
Geo. Roberts.
John Penwell.
Samuel Jackson.

ELI ALVORD POST NO. 209, MONTGOMERY.

Chartered December 27, 1883.

Membership 16.

Commander, Jonathan Fast.

Delegate.

Wm. Arch.

Alternate.

Henry Friend.

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Past Commanders.

E. R. Fitzsimmons.
C. W. Hall.
C. R. Dillon.
H. Bigbey.

C. J. Reynolds.
Robt. Kelso.
T. D. Butler.
J. B. Frost.

E. H. HOLLINGSWORTH POST NO. 210, ALBION.

Chartered January 4, 1884.

Membership 73.

*Commander, Levi S. Warren.

Delegate.

Everett G. Knapp.

Alternate.

Isaac H. Reddick.

Past Commanders.

O. G. Hubbard.
J. H. Perine.
C. T. Smith.
O. S. Stevens.
W. M. Loder.

Wm. Hastings.
F. E. Palmer.
H. F. Gilbert.
Robt. R. Robinson.
*Washington Gardner.

WM. H. BORDEN POST NO. 211, IONIA.

Chartered December 28, 1883.

Membership 81.

Commander, J. L. Fowle.

Delegates.

*Edgar S. Shattuck.
E. J. Van Doren.

Alternates.

A. J. Cooke.
Jos. Shafer.

Past Commanders.

J. H. Kidd.
M. M. Currier.
O. H. Perry.
C. A. Cornell.
A. H. Heath.

H. C. Hilton.
J. L. Fowle.
M. L. Pike.
F. S. Hutchinson.
I. Buck.

JOS. B. MASON POST NO. 213, BELLEVUE.

Chartered January 4, 1884.

Membership 26.

Commander, R. B. Bishop.

*Delegates.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

J. A. Burchard.
Alex. McKenzie.
G. F. Anson.
Wm. Hawley.
F. Hughes.

R. B. Bishop.
Geo. P. Stevens.
S. W. Gibson.
Geo. Ackley.
Geo. Wooley.

WM. RICHARDSON POST NO. 214, MILLINGTON.

Chartered January 4, 1884.

Membership 24.

*Commander, Elijah Howard.

Delegate.

*I. T. Damon.

Alternate.

Sheldon Webster.

Past Commanders.

Samuel Atwood.
Elijah Howard.
Irving Van Wagner.
John A. Case.
Edward Caine.
Ruben Wilber.
Sheldon Webster.

*Wm. J. Hains.
Isaac T. Damon.
F. W. Titsworth.
Asa M. Davis.
Ira A. Sprague.
Wm. N. Storms.

JOSEPH SMITH POST NO. 215, FULTON.

Chartered January 12, 1884.

Membership 20.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, L. V. Lyon.
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*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

U. C. Case.
 Arthur Longman.
 A. A. Holcomb.
 J. N. Barker.
 S. C. Rosenberry.

Warren Mullen.
 O. M. Gates.
 H. H. Kindig.
 L. V. Lyon.

H. D. TERRY POST NO. 216, MT. CLEMENS.

Chartered January 7, 1884.

Membership 27.

<i>Delegate.</i>	*Commander, Aldis R. Knight.
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Alternate.

*Isaac Williams.

Louis N. Grant.

Past Commanders.

Judson S. Farrar.
 Samuel Trew.
 Rozell Widrig.
 Joseph Immen.
 *J. F. Cotton.
 Geo. W. Robertson.
 James A. Price.

*M. L. Skillman.
 *Edwin Tharrett.
 *August Steitzer.
 *Gilbert Leroix.
 *Nelson H. Miller.
 *Samuel Fuller.

W. B. WELLS POST NO. 218, LUTHER.

Chartered January 8, 1884.

Membership 17.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, C. B. Streeter.
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Alternate.

*Henry Cutler.

C. P. Willard.

Past Commanders.

A. A. Miner.
 G. Gundrum.
 Chas. B. Streeter.
 A. Ferris.
 J. W. Nicholson.

N. R. Menold.
 Wm. Judd.
 Dulecene Stoughton.
 Ernest Nicholson.

HENRY BAXTER POST NO. 219, JONESVILLE.

Chartered January 10, 1884.

Membership 12.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Seeley J. Snook.
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Alternate.

Martin Decker.

John M. Meach.

Past Commanders.

S. J. Snook.
 Eli H. Reynolds.
 M. Bliss.

Wm. Cooley.
 G. W. Coffin.
 James Sala.

BUDDOCK POST NO. 224, CHEBOYGAN.

Chartered February 8, 1884.

Membership 16.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, _____
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Alternate.

Henry A. Blake.

Mathew W. King.

Past Commanders.

Geo. P. Humphrey.
 John Baker.
 Robt. Braham.
 E. A. Bouchard.

C. S. Ramsey.
 Henry A. Blake.
 Wm. N. Cross.

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

GEO. MARTIN POST NO. 227, EAST PORT.

Chartered February 22, 1884.

Membership 13.

Delegate.

John Hewitt.

Commander, Geo. O. Glazier.

Alternate.

Wm. H. Bloro.

Past Commanders.

J. S. Arnold.

H. H. Chamberlain.

John McPherson.

C. Chamberlain.

O. W. Whitney.

J. O. McEwan.

FAIRCHILDS POST NO. 228, GRASS LAKE.

Chartered February 22, 1884.

Membership 23.

Delegate.

Alfred N. Sova.

Commander, Thos. Durbin.

Alternate.

A. S. Patchin.

Past Commanders.

E. L. Cooper.

Martin Hoofnagle.

John Erwin.

John W. Ford.

John Simpson.

Morris W. Kimball.

HARVEY TUCKER POST NO. 229, MARINE CITY.

Chartered February 22, 1884.

Membership 13.

Delegate.

*Wm. Kittle.

Commander, Alex. Stearns.

Alternate.

Chas. Basney.

Past Commanders.

John W. Ackley.

Alex. Stearns.

Henry S. Manchester.

H. Scott.

Wm. Kiddle.

EDDY POST NO. 231, PLYMOUTH.

Chartered February 22, 1884.

Membership 6.

Delegate.

*Asa Joy.

*Commander, T. V. Quackenbush.

Alternate.

E. H. Partridge.

Past Commanders.

M. R. Weeks.

Henry Robinson.

Walter Kenster.

Daniel Smith.

T. V. Quackenbush.

Abram Pelham.

*Wm. Gage.

O. P. Showers.

Ephraim Partridge.

MILO WARNER POST NO. 232, CASS CITY.

Chartered February 27, 1884.

Membership 15.

Delegate.

Geo. S. Farrar.

Commander, D. P. Deming.

Alternate.

J. M. Fenn.

*Past Commanders.***OSCAR BARTLETT POST NO. 233, WALES.**

Chartered February 4, 1884.

Membership 25.

Delegate.

*Orville Cowles.

*Commander, Wm. Grunwell.

Alternate.

A. L. Peck.

Past Commanders.

William Grunwell.	Henry Maurer.
Elihu Ackerman.	*H. C. Mudge.
*Wm. Smith.	*Newell Bowen.
B. M. Jenne.	*Wm. Baldock.
*Jos. Nestle.	

O. H. READ POST NO. 234, HUBBARDSTON.

Chartered March 4, 1884. Membership 19.

Commander, J. A. Churchill.	<i>Alternate.</i>
<i>Delegate.</i> Wellington Graham.	Henry Barrone.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>
A. A. Moore.	H. W. Hitchcock.
E. C. Read.	A. S. Harris.
J. A. Churchill.	H. W. Browne.

WALTER CLIFFORD POST NO. 235, BOYNE CITY.

Chartered March 20, 1884. Membership 17.

Commander, John A. Newvill.	<i>Alternate.</i>
<i>Delegate.</i>	
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>
John A. Newvill.	Wm. Mears.
John Jones.	Van R. Newville.
F. M. Gates.	

PETER A. WEBER POST NO. 237, ROCKFORD.

Chartered March 20, 1884. Membership 13.

*Commander, Chas. A. Jaqua.	<i>Alternate.</i>
<i>Delegate.</i> A. E. Morris.	Ezra Chaffee.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>
Chas. A. Haner.	C. F. Sears.
D. L. Reynolds.	James Eadie.
A. L. Picket.	Wm. Bennett.

MARVIN POST NO. 240, GRAYLING.

Chartered March 20, 1884. Membership 25.

*Commander, A. L. Pond.	<i>Alternate.</i>
<i>Delegate.</i> Wellington Batterson.	J. H. Fleming.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>
O. Palmer.	*Dell Smith.
A. L. Pond.	W. S. Chalker.
A. C. Wilcox.	Dan S. Waldron.
Adelbert Taylor.	Wright Havens.

FRANK MASON POST NO. 242, ATHENS.

Chartered April 5, 1884. Membership 13.

*Commander, John S. Jackson.	<i>Alternate.</i>
<i>Delegate.</i> Daniel Wilcox.	Wm. H. Wilson.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>
B. F. Taylor.	Jas. Lee.
Herman T. Watkins.	James H. Paul.
Jas. E. Mason.	Wm. H. Wilson.
Joel Lee.	Jas. Oldacre.

JOSEPH MASON POST NO. 248, WACOUSTA.

Chartered April 25, 1884.

Membership 17.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Chas. T. Andrus.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Quincy L. Lafler.		Henry P. Cutler.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Quincy L. Taylor.		Chas. T. Andrus.
Alex. Dixon.		Joel E. Parks.
Henry M. Burns.		

WA-BU-NO POST NO. 250, MT. PLEASANT.

Chartered April 24, 1884.

Membership 58.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Samuel R. Morrison.	<i>Alternate.</i>
*C. P. Jeffords.		
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
John A. Harris.		Samuel R. Morrison.
H. E. Duel.		A. B. Crane.
*Warner Churchill.		

J. T. JONES POST NO. 252, HOWARD CITY.

Chartered April 29, 1884.

Membership 31.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, F. A. Norwood.	<i>Alternate.</i>
J. H. Haskins.		J. H. Ingles.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Geo. M. Doty.		J. A. Dockeway.
H. W. Perkins.		L. L. Church.
O. J. Knapp.		B. C. Moore.

LONSON POST NO. 255, MAYVILLE.

Chartered May 29, 1884.

Membership 22.

<i>Delegate.</i>	*Commander, A. L. Bryant.	<i>Alternate.</i>
W. J. Sims.		Wm. Kelcher
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
A. B. Markham.		*J. W. James.
*J. R. Perry.		*A. L. Bryant.
F. C. Michael.		Wm. Graubner.
*N. B. Goodfellow.		R. A. Fox.
Eli Brooks.		F. H. Kitchen.

WM. M. FENTON POST NO. 258, ST. IGNACE.

Chartered June 21, 1884.

Membership 15.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, P. D. Bissell.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Frank S. Walker.		
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Jesse Warren.		J. B. Tawlyn.
H. B. Cornell.		S. A. Snyder.
A. J. Gennell.		Frank S. Walker.

A. STEWART POST NO. 259, LITCHFIELD.

Chartered June 24, 1884.

Membership 22.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, J. L. Hadley.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Henry Burns.		*G. W. Dobson.

Past Commanders.

Frank W. Barber.
J. E. Austin.
*E. A. Shattuck.

L. H. Howard.
Henry Smith.
W. R. Shepard.

CORY POST NO. 261, WAYNE.

Chartered July 12, 1884.

Membership 20.

*Commander, Duffey Duquett.

Delegate.

*Henry Loss.

Alternate.

Shepard Howard.

Past Commanders.

*F. Walden.
A. J. Hill.
Peter C. Bird.
Chas. Newkirk.
Royal Monroe.
*S. R. Kingsley.

*Robert Bird.
*Curtis Brace.
A. W. Thompson.
Duffey Duquett.
Joseph Smith.

A. C. VAN RAALTE POST NO. 262, HOLLAND.

Chartered July 17, 1884.

Membership 45.

*Commander, Wm. Baumgartel.

Delegate.

G. Van Schelven.

Alternate.

John Nies.

Past Commanders.

John Kramer.
*Benj. Van Raalte.
*P. H. McBride.
Peter Wilms.

A. J. Ward.
G. W. Edgler.
P. De Feyter.

GEN. HARKER POST NO. 263, VANDERBILT.

Chartered July 7, 1884.

Membership 17.

Commander, Wm. Karslake.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

N. C. G. Ashley.
T. C. Woodin.
W. H. Claspill.
*John G. Berry.

Wm. Karslake.
G. C. Crissey.
Francis Warner.
Martin J. Sehl.

JACKSON COREY POST NO. 264, WOLVERINE.

Chartered June, 1904.

Membership 10.

Commander, G. A. Stoddard.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***LYON POST NO. 266, MENOMINEE.**

Chartered August 2, 1884.

Membership 21.

Commander, Jessie Hubbard.

Delegate.

A. B. BeDell.

Alternate.

Jas. Stevenson.

Past Commanders.

A. Whitehorn.
Andrew Gram.
A. B. Wells.
N. Goodrich.
Norwood Bowers.
A. B. BeDell.

J. C. Sherman.
M. Durocher.
Ira Carley.
Alonzo Dunning.
B. F. Phillips.

F. A. BUHL POST NO. 270, ECORSE.

Chartered February 27, 1890.

Membership 20.

Delegate.

Sylvester Thomas.

*Commander, Justis R. Warner.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Lewis Montry.
John Todd.
Sylvester Hay.
Euphratus Ross.

Justin R. Warner.
Peter W. Reeves.
J. A. Burdeno.

BOYS-IN-BLUE POST NO. 271, MECOSTA.

Chartered August 15, 1884.

Membership 22.

Delegate.

*Commander, Wm. Lowrie.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Joseph Linebaugh.
F. J. Shaler.

William Lowrie.
Robert McGregory.

LUCIUS TAYLOR POST NO. 274, MILAN.

Chartered September 1, 1884.

Membership 36.

Delegate.

*Chas. Pullen.

Commander, Peter Swick.

Alternate.

Nelson Baird.

Past Commanders.

A. D. Jackson.
*John Steidler.
Amos Wisdom.
Wesley Robison.
Chas. A. Heath

*James E. Johnson.
S. H. Evans.
Herbert A. Taylor.
John A. Jackson.
James Delaforce.

LEWIS CLARK POST NO. 275, OLIVET.

Chartered September 8, 1884.

Membership 17.

Delegate.

Commander, N. D. Lamphere.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Geo. Galusha.
Lester B. Taggart.
S. K. May.
Wm. Rogers.
N. D. Lamphere.

James H. Bosworth.
Geo. W. Sweet.
Henry Ramalie.
M. H. Hance.
Fred Ellis.

BRADFIELD POST NO. 276, ADA.

Chartered September 8, 1884.

Membership 14.

Delegate.

Arthur E. Furmer.

Commander, R. P. Harris.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Chas. F. Holt.
W. F. Dickerson.
David M. Winters.
John Hulbert.

William Grant.
James H. Martin.
W. W. Thomas.

H. S. BURNETT POST NO. 278, WEST BAY CITY.

Chartered September 12, 1884.

Membership 12.

Delegate.

Worthy Perry.

Commander, Wm. Barrett.

Alternate.

Jessie Rosebush.

Past Commanders.

A. W. Dorland,
E. T. Carrington.

Geo. A. Allen,
H. Florence.

PERKINS POST NO. 279, SPRING LAKE.

Chartered September 16, 1884.

Membership 7.

Commander, S. S. Rideout.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

C. P. Brown,
Geo. Volmer,
E. J. Purim.

M. F. Reed,
S. S. Rideout,
Martin Walsh.

AMOS E. STEELE POST NO. 280, NORTH MUSKOGON.

Chartered September 17, 1884.

Membership 14.

Commander, Samuel M. Croft.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Joseph Wixson.

Ambrose Loyer.

Past Commanders.

Chas. E. Storrs,
Joseph Avery,
B. L. Andrews.

Zoar H. Bates,
Geo. R. Kinsman,
Sam'l M. Croft.

MORGAN PARKER POST NO. 281, PETERSBURG.

Chartered October 18, 1884.

Membership 13.

Commander, Peter Burdens.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Thurber Breningstall.

Moses Upell.

Past Commanders.

*H. J. Brenningstall,
*Josiah M. Elder.

*Jos. H. Proctor,
Ferdinand Reinhart.

SAMUEL W. GRINNELL POST NO. 283, SUNFIELD.

Chartered October 23, 1884.

Membership 25.

Commander, William Edwins.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

E. W. Taylor,
Geo. Richards,
B. Peabody,
Wm. Edwins,
A. Kreamer.

I. A. Eldred,
C. Richards,
F. Linhart,
R. J. York.

HENRY H. KNAPP POST NO. 284, DAVISON.

Chartered October 16, 1884.

Membership 20.

Commander, John Cottrell.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

John T. Cartwright.

Josiah Langly.

Past Commanders.

*L. S. McAllister,
*Wm. M. Knapp,
L. G. Adams,
*A. A. Elmore,
B. F. Sanford,
J. Cottrell.

*J. Cooley,
Alex. Campbell,
C. B. Smith,
S. A. Comstock,
Wm. N. Monroe,
John Reeser.

COL. STEWART POST NO. 285, TUSTIN.

Chartered October 28, 1884.

Membership 10.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, J. W. Loomis.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Geo. Demorest.		W. B. Ewing.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
R. H. Jones.		J. W. Loomis.
John Stansell.		

FRANK FOWLER POST NO. 286, FIFE LAKE.

Chartered October 28, 1884.

Membership 12.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Miles Bryant.	<i>Alternate.</i>
J. M. Anderson.		James E. Smith.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Geo. Hart.		Miles Bryant.
A. M. Wansey.		Wm. Wells.

B. F. CHAPIN POST NO. 287, OSHESIRE.

Chartered November 9, 1884.

Membership 12.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, C. V. Nash.	<i>Alternate.</i>
J. H. Barkhead.		E. Rodger.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
W. G. Rowe.		G. W. Lewis.
James H. Barkhead.		C. V. Nash.
D. W. Hall.		

JOHN H. ANDREWS POST NO. 288, LACOTA.

Chartered March 3, 1890.

Membership 16.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, D. A. Beebe.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Chas. Potter.		R. Hodson.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
L. H. Dalrymple.		Bently Cook.
D. A. Beebe.		Geo. L. Bliss.
H. P. Gillespie.		

HENRY C. PRATT POST NO. 289, MACKINAC ISLAND.

Chartered December 2, 1884.

Membership 13.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Benoni LaChance.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Wilbur F. Long.		Geo. E. Rogers.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Wm. P. Preston.		Patrick Kerrigan.
Theodore Reiths.		Geo. W. Marshall.
Andrew Chapman.		Gregory Lambert.
Benoni LaChance.		Edwin M. Coates.
P. McCormick.		Daniel B. Mills.
John A. McWebster.		

ANDREWS POST NO. 294, BIG RAPIDS.

Chartered January 15, 1885.

Membership 92.

<i>Delegates.</i>	*Commander, L. T. Lovless.	<i>Alternates.</i>
D. Cantine.		Geo. Davison.
*E. Allen.		N. Nicols.

Past Commanders.

D. E. Stearns.
 Geo. M. Davidson.
 Geo. G. Jenkins.
 A. B. Knapp.
 W. A. Northrup.
 W. Miller.

W. A. Whitney.
 Geo. M. Gotchell.
 E. C. Moore.
 D. D. Shannon.
 *M. D. Ford.
 J. H. Kilbourne.

E. H. BRONSON POST NO. 295, GALESBURG.

Chartered February 7, 1885.

Membership 14.

Commander, A. A. Russell.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Andrew R. Allen.

Past Commanders.

A. A. Russell.
 A. E. Stafford.

R. B. Mason.

SIMON MALLISON POST NO. 298, PIERPORT.

Chartered March 7, 1885.

Membership 19.

Commander, J. L. Bradford.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Leonard Reed.

M. J. Fauble.

Past Commanders.

J. L. Bradford.
 C. W. Perry.
 L. C. Long.

Dean A. Hull.
 Geo. Schafer.

ALBERT JACKSON POST NO. 300, MARQUETTE.

Chartered March 7, 1885.

Membership 26.

Commander, C. E. Moore.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

John L. Van Horn.

G. J. Homeyer.

Past Commanders.

R. R. French.
 A. O. Kruger.
 John Dooley.

P. C. Beanston.
 *E. C. Anthony.
 C. E. Moore.

ORIN WHITCOMB POST NO. 302, BYRON CENTER.

Chartered March 30, 1885.

Membership 17.

Commander, R. F. Hanes.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Geo. Moorman.

Frank Utter.

Past Commanders.

Lyman Havens.
 L. L. Hickox.
 A. A. Palmer.
 A. M. Green.

N. F. Cooper.
 W. Colley.
 R. F. Hanes.
 J. B. Morse.

BURSONS POST NO. 303, SCHOOLCRAFT.

Chartered April 16, 1885.

Membership 14.

Commander, Thos. King.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*John Gilchrist.

M. S. Burson.

Past Commanders.

John Gilchrist.
 Albert Cornell.
 M. S. Burson.
 E. B. Monroe.
 Chas. Cronk.

Albert Wager.
 *Frank W. Carlton.
 Jacob Bauer.
 Robt. E. Johnson.
 E. J. Vreland.

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

BACON POST NO. 305, FENWICK.

Chartered April 30, 1885.

Membership 5.

Delegate. Commander, C. D. Loving.
 G. W. Wheaton. *Alternate.*
Past Commanders.

M. R. ROGERS POST NO. 308, IMLAY CITY.

Chartered May 9, 1885.

Membership 11.

Delegate. Commander, W. Harwood.
Alternate.
Past Commanders.

WALTER ORR POST NO. 312, SCOTTS.

Chartered June 27, 1885.

Membership 6.

Delegate. *Commander, C. T. S. Cook.
 Frank Peck. *Alternate.*
Past Commanders. James Powers.
 David Gutches. C. T. S. Cook.

HENRY DAGLE POST NO. 313, SOUTH BOARDMAN.

Chartered July 22, 1905.

Membership 6.

Delegate. Commander, Geo. Ives.
 H. D. Lathrop. *Alternate.*
Past Commanders. Wm. Blanchard.
 John Dagle. A. O. Clark.

G. J. HUDSON POST NO. 317, MATTAWAN.

Chartered August 17, 1885.

Membership 12.

Delegate. Commander, Peter Benwire.
Alternate.
Past Commanders. Albert Newkirk.
 H. Freeman. B. F. Morris.
 L. G. Hunt. Ford Murch.
 J. M. Davidson. *A. J. Doolittle.

ALLEN M. HARMAN POST NO. 318, NORTHVILLE.

Chartered August 22, 1885.

Membership 50.

Delegate. *Commander, John E. Morse.
 David W. Barber. *Alternate.*
Past Commanders. *Alfred Brown.
 James Taylor. *E. K. Starkweather.
 *S. J. Lawrence. J. W. Dolph.
 *E. K. Simonds. *Andrew Houk.
 Henry M. White. M. S. Nichols.
 *C. L. Brigham. *Geo. F. Goodell.
 *T. P. Banks. *H. A. Waide.
 *Abram Mosher. Alfred N. Brown.

J. B. SACKETT POST NO. 320, PRAIRIEVILLE.

Chartered August 31, 1885.

Membership 11.

Commander, F. A. Blackman.		Alternate.
<i>Delegate.</i>		John A. Freeman.
Mark Norris.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Geo. Norwood.		F. A. Blackman.
N. H. Orr.		T. A. Woodman.
Mark Norris.		

GEO. J. LEIGHTON POST NO. 321, SPRINGPORT.

Chartered September 1, 1885.

Membership 13.

Commander, G. E. Harris.		Alternate.
<i>Delegate.</i>		
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Adam Craver.		John Orrison.
Wm. Malcolm.		H. B. Yoxheimer.
Geo. Lininger.		Clinton Faxon.
S. D. Curtis.		

WILLIAM KERBY POST NO. 323, ASHLEY.

Chartered September 14, 1885.

Membership 16

*Commander, Benj. F. Pease.		Alternate.
<i>Delegate.</i>		Chas. Manchester.
Thos. Brown.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Nathan Roof.		E. Z. Fuller.
N. B. Bowker.		David Duncan.

W. B. STUART POST NO. 324, CRYSTAL.

Chartered September 12, 1885.

Membership 10.

Commander, Chas. Swarthout.		Alternate.
<i>Delegate.</i>		
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
C. P. Pickle.		W. G. Griswold.

O. D. JACKSON POST NO. 326, POTTERVILLE.

Chartered September 25, 1885.

Membership 21.

Commander, John F. Barkhead.		Alternate.
<i>Delegate.</i>		
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
J. M. Henderson.		Frank Milbourn.
James Smalley.		Geo. H. Carmoncy.
A. P. Goodwin.		

MYRON HAWLEY POST NO. 328, NAPOLEON.

Chartered October 1, 1885.

Membership 12.

Commander, R. B. Tracy.		Alternate.
<i>Delegate.</i>		J. C. Garlinghouse.
J. L. Hawley.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Wm. R. Fuller.		James Henderson.
Murry Hess.		V. Watson.
J. L. Hawley.		*Wm. Drew.
A. P. Morris.		John Keeling.
L. M. Jones.		

COL. H. H. JEFFORDS POST NO. 330, DEXTER.

Chartered November 5, 1885.

Membership 9.

Delegate.

*D. M. Litchfield.

*Cominader, L. S. Miles.

Alternate.

John Tuffs.

Past Commanders.

L. C. Rodman.

H. H. Wilson.

*M. E. McNeil.

C. F. Bates.

C. E. HILTON POST NO. 336, EAST GILEAD.

Chartered January 21, 1886.

Membership 11

Delegate.

C. H. Brooks.

Commander, Myron H. Aldrich.

Alternate.

Morris B. Connett.

Past Commanders.

J. W. Parker.

C. H. Brooks.

Samuel German.

Jackson Kanouse.

Myron Aldrich.

Geo. O. Bixler.

Chas. Miller.

C. W. Shade.

MATHEW ARTIS POST NO. 341, CASSOPOLIS.

Chartered March 10, 1886.

Membership 13.

Delegate.

Bennett Allen.

Commander, Abner R. Byrd.

Alternate.

John Copely.

Past Commanders.

B. E. Curtis.

Abner R. Byrd.

E. H. LISCOM POST NO. 343, SAULT STE. MARIE.

Chartered March 10, 1885.

Membership 10.

Delegate.

*Homer W. Hodge.

Commander, James A. Troutt.

Alternate.

Frank LaLonde.

Past Commanders.

Wm. P. Spalding.

JOHN W. PURDY POST NO. 346, HAMILTON.

Chartered March 11, 1886.

Membership 12.

Delegate.

Commander, John N. Barlow.

Alternate.

Past Commanders.

Ben Laberge.

John C. Holmes.

M. W. Burnett.

H. L. Beach.

O. Hoard.

Geo. Edgley.

Jerry Arndt.

BILLY CRUSON POST NO. 347, BRECKENRIDGE.

Chartered March 16, 1886.

Membership 26.

Delegate.

*Commander, C. K. Fox.

Alternate.

Past Commanders.

W. H. Weed.

Thos. Holton.

Thos. B. Staley.

P. P. Vannorman.

Chas. Wolverton.

J. B. Holbert.

C. K. Fox.

*Barney Swope.

F. W. Smith.

S. D. HAIGHT POST NO. 348, SCOTTVILLE.

Chartered March 27, 1886.

Membership 35.

Delegate.

*R. C. Smart.

Commander, Henry W. Brown.

Alternate.

J. H. Van Sickle.

Past Commanders.

Thomas Barnes.
Henry Jenks.
N. I. Kinnie.
J. W. Griswold.
J. N. Clark.
H. M. Ratty.

James Meads.
J. L. Toms.
W. D. Cowan.
H. F. Yarick.
J. C. Rosenberg.

M. H. WHITNEY POST NO. 350, SAND LAKE.

Chartered April 9, 1886.

Membership 19.

Delegate.

Reuben Farnam.

Commander, Chas. A. Green.

Alternate.

H. W. Bennett.

Past Commanders.

Wellington Rasco.
Geo. H. Godfrey.
Wm. Sleight.

Edward Gould.
James Scutt.
Alanson Dickerson.

COMSTOCK POST NO. 352, MANCHESTER.

Chartered May 18, 1886.

Membership 27.

Delegate.

*Adis Gillett.

*Commander, T. F. Rushton.

Alternate.

F. D. Blaisdell.

Past Commanders.

James Kelley.
George Nisle.
A. A. Stringham.
T. F. Rushten.
G. H. Putnam.

*R. M. Teets.
*G. B. Sherwood.
S. R. Sherwood.
Wm. Hough.

JAMES F. COVELL POST NO. 354, PALO.

Chartered May 16, 1886.

Membership 13.

Delegate.

David Steere.

Commander, S. Livingston.

Alternate.

Martin Greenwalt.

Past Commanders.

B. S. Everest.
Chas. M. North.

Caleb Richardson.
Stillman Livingston.

F. B. MYERS POST NO. 357, GAGETOWN.

Chartered July 14, 1886.

Membership 5.

Delegate.

*W. J. Williamson.

Commander, C. F. Stearns.

Alternate.

Theo. Burden.

Past Commanders.

R. S. Brown.
L. Mathews.
Theo. Burden.

W. J. Brown.
W. J. Williamson.
C. F. Sterns.

ROWLEY POST NO. 358, CLAYTON

Chartered July 12, 1886.

Membership 17.

Delegate.

*Ezra Bertram.

*Commander, H. F. Yerick.

Alternate.

M. M. Bennett.

Past Commanders.

D. H. Warren.
A. E. Terwilliger.
B. F. Rockwell.
Milton Townsend.
J. H. Badgley

John Murty.
John Wirtz.
H. F. Yarik.
William Hinds.

CORBETT POST NO. 360, PALMYRA.

Chartered July 14, 1886.

Membership 16.

Delegate.

Commander, Eli Lewis.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

M. T. Cole.
E. Lewis.
*Geo. Williams.
William Bittey.

Richard Bailey.
John Patterson.
*Geo. H. Southwick.
Henry Nash.

KILBOURN POST NO. 361, SHEEWOOD.

Chartered September 27, 1886.

Membership 18.

Delegate.

Commander, E. W. Watkins.

Alternate.

Henry Runyan.

J. N. Watkins.

Past Commanders.

Henry Runyan.
James Locke.
J. W. Watkins.

Wm. Farrand.
Geo. B. Hess.

C. B. HUBBELL POST NO. 364, COLEMAN.

Chartered October 28, 1886.

Membership 12.

Delegate.

Commander, Fred Hanley.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

J. F. Koontz.
*F. Hanley.
H. Samson.

D. A. Curtice.
E. W. Carley.
John F. Punt.

GORDON POST NO. 366, WHITE CLOUD.

Chartered July 18, 1886.

Membership 12.

Delegate.

Commander, Wm. Kimball.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Wm. Kimball.

Sam Agan.

F. VEENFLET POST NO. 368, REESE.

Chartered November 18, 1886.

Membership 6.

Delegate.

Commander, Thos. Gulliver.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

D. Cole.

NOBLE POST NO. 369, GLADWIN.

Chartered January 3, 1887.

Membership 20.

Delegate.

*Commander, David D. Foutch.

Alternate.

Past Commanders.

Wilson Haynes.
John H. Robinson.
W. H. Kellogg.

Enoch Robinson.
Chas. VanVolkenburg.
Henry Madill.

W. B. HAZEN POST NO. 370, WEST BRANCH.

Chartered January 18, 1887.

Membership 15.

Commander, Jas. E. Horton.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

R. A. Babcock.

Past Commanders.

B. B. Priest.
Jas. E. Horton.
John Smith.

Thos. J. Warren.
S. D. Shaffner.

A. H. FENN POST NO. 371 PENNVILLE.

Chartered February 3, 1887.

Membership 10.

Commander, Isaac Lameroux.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

W. H. McCormick.

Aritus Turrell.

Past Commanders.

A. Turrell.
John Sherman.

Robert Rouse.
Isaac Lameroux.

E. P. CASE POST NO. 372, BENZONIA.

Chartered March 5, 1887.

Membership 26.

Commander, S. A. Davison.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

David Perkins.

L. H. Gokey.

Past Commanders.

L. P. Judson.
Jas. Montgomery.
Roswell P. Reed.
H. M. Stanley.
John W. Van Deman.

W. H. Reynolds.
J. C. Van Blarecoum.
Wm. A. Joy.
I. P. Covey.
Z. E. Clark.

S. R. DOWNES POST NO. 374, PARMA.

Chartered March 9, 1887.

Membership 5.

Commander, H. C. Anderson.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

H. C. Anderson.
Frank Gorton.

J. R. Godfrey.

WM. P. EVERETT POST NO. 377, ROCHESTER.

Chartered April 1, 1887.

Membership 17.

*Commander, Anthony O'Brien.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Leander M. Peters.

E. H. Sipperley.

Past Commanders.

A. E. Collins.
E. H. Dewey.
J. R. Wortley.
J. W. Eastman.
W. J. Fraser.

A. O'Brien.
J. J. Snook.
N. B. Taylor.
H. L. Wood.

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

JOHN STOCKTON POST NO. 380, NEW HAVEN.

Chartered April 23, 1887.

Membership 7.

Delegate. *Commander, Geo. W. Dingman. *Alternate.*
 Wm. Campbell. Wm. Sutphin.
Past Commanders.
 L. Lutenbacker. J. E. Carl.
 Geo. W. Dingman.

U. O. BRETZ POST NO. 382, LAKE ODESSA.

Chartered April 27, 1887.

Membership 27.

Delegate. *Commander, Robert Musgrove. *Alternate.*
 Robt. Baldwin. Henry Hunter.
Past Commanders.
 Wallace Lovewell. A. A. Walters.
 Edwin Tirman. Wm. Fink.
 John Bishop. S. H. Mallery.
 Thos. Leak. C. J. Yager.
 Robt. Musgrove. Abel Bywatter.
 Martin Cox.

C. B. WHEELER POST NO. 383, MARTIN.

Chartered May 19, 1887.

Membership 6.

Delegate. Commander, Justus Barrup. *Alternate.*
Past Commanders.
 Justus Barrup. Sidney Baird.
 Rheuben Terry. Samuel Fisk.

DETROIT POST NO. 384, DETROIT.

Chartered May 21, 1887.

Membership 93.

Delegates. *Commander, Felix A. Lemkie. *Alternates.*
 *Uriah Gould. W. F. Trelein.
 H. L. Bassett. J. R. Lewis.
Past Commanders.
 Thos. A. Wadsworth. *Frank C. Trowbridge.
 *Marvin Preston. Chas. G. Hampton.
 Sidney R. Dixon. Thos. S. McGraw.
 Oscar R. Looker. Alex. W. Blain.
 *James N. Cox. *Oscar A. Jones.
 Wm. S. Green. W. H. Gail.
 Wm. T. Gage. Nicholas Woods.
 Arba M. Seymour. Byron See.
 *Chas. A. Cooledge. *Robert Gibbons.
 Jacob Bristol. Gil R. Osmun.
 L. H. Chamberlain. Felix A. Lemkie.

CHAS. GRIFFIN POST NO. 386, FARWELL.

Chartered July 21, 1887.

Membership 19.

Delegate. Commander, Chas. H. Clark. *Alternate.*
 Orin Ball. Silas Vreland.
Past Commanders.
 J. H. Wood. Wm. H. Ford.
 H. Glass. S. Coon.
 Chas. H. Clark. Elisha White.

AINSWORTH POST NO. 392, RANSOM.

Chartered January 26, 1888.

Membership 10.

	Commander, W. L. Mapes.	Alternate.
<i>Delegate.</i>		
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
	W. L. Mapes.	W. H. H. Pettit.
	P. M. Humiston.	

MICHIGAN POST NO. 393, DETROIT.

Chartered April 4, 1888.

Membership 13.

	*Commander, John Boylan.	Alternate.
<i>Delegate.</i>		
	Win. Patterson.	Moses Bell.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
	*Jos. Doherty.	John Boylan.
	*John Griswold.	Orrin D. Darling.
	*John H. Hendley.	John Derstedd.
	Fred Kraft.	Julius Forkel.

A. B. WATSON POST NO. 395, GRAND RAPIDS.

Chartered November 15, 1888.

Membership 130.

	Commander, W. T. Johnson.	Alternates.
<i>Delegates.</i>		
	*L. Wescott.	J. J. Pond.
	J. Brown.	J. T. Allcott.
	*Ransom Johnson.	Wm. Smith.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
	W. T. Johnson.	J. R. Wyckoff.
	J. M. Wood.	J. S. French.
	C. H. Fox.	Geo. R. Phillips.
	R. H. Lee.	C. S. Wilson.
	D. Z. Kline.	J. Whinnery.
	C. M. Runyan.	Jas. H. Keeney.
	Geo. W. Barden.	Isaac Provost.
	Hanly A. Waldron.	Edwin H. Stein.
	John E. L. Miller.	Jacob Mans.
	Wm. Walker.	G. W. Osborn.

GEO. WARD POST NO. 398, BRANT.

Chartered January, 1889.

Membership 19.

	Commander, Chas. Cogswell.	Alternate.
<i>Delegate.</i>		
	David J. Wells.	W. J. Forbs.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
	John Boone.	Geo. Rinenburg.
	Daniel Thompson.	Willis Dibble.
	Michael Cummings.	Henry Passmore.
	N. P. Richardson.	Eugene D. Webber.
	Perry Crane.	

WOOLSEY POST NO. 399, NORTHPORT.

Chartered January 19, 1889.

Membership 9.

	Commander, W. H. Porter.	Alternate.
<i>Delegate.</i>		
	*John H. Thomas.	James Mason.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
	Wm. H. Porter.	John Thomas.
	W. B. Green.	

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

BURLINGAME POST NO. 402, AKRON.

Chartered April 23, 1889.

Membership 15.

Delegate.

*Wm. Sherwood.

Commander, Z. T. Hess.

Alternate.

Wm. Partlo.

Past Commanders.

E. G. Mathews.

John Paul.

Leonard James.

*Geo. J. Dart.

E. A. Dickey.

L. C. Wilbur.

J. AND A. RYDER POST NO. 404, NEWBURG.

Chartered May 18, 1891.

Membership 10.

Delegate.

Wm. D. Toles.

Commander, Chas. Westfall.

Alternate.

C. Bunyeau.

Past Commanders.

Chas. Westfall.

*E. C. Bassett.

Philip Messer.

*Willard Sherman.

CHAS. A. PRICE POST NO. 405, PERRINTON.

Chartered May 13, 1903.

Membership 15.

Delegate.

W. Graves.

Commander, T. B. Musser.

Alternate.

Rudolph Luther.

Past Commanders.

T. B. Musser.

R. S. Cushman.

Geo. W. Groom.

W. W. CHAPIN POST NO. 407, AUBURN.

Chartered July 14, 1891.

Membership 6.

Delegate.

*John Kent.

Commander, Lorenzo W. Davis.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

J. C. Rowden.

James Davis.

*A. Host.

H. Bradley.

Henry Hopler.

GEN. W. T. SHERMAN POST NO. 410, VASSAR.

Chartered June 29, 1891.

Membership 29.

Delegate.

*E. J. Pitcher.

*Commander, O. B. Randall.

Alternate.

E. H. Tivey.

Past Commanders.

Chas. E. Murry.

O. B. Randall.

Jared Downer.

Wm. Hurlburt.

Henry Adams.

*John H. Burgess.

*R. Hawley.

S. H. Camp.

Wm. J. Bennett.

A. W. BRINDLE POST NO. 413, WYANDOTTE.

Chartered August 1, 1891.

Membership 11.

Delegate.

*Commander, W. W. Bishop.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

W. W. Bishop.

John Wayman.

ROBT. ERWIN POST NO. 416, BROOKLYN.

Chartered October 30, 1891.

Membership 16.

Commander, Erastus Furgison.		Alternate.
<i>Delegate.</i>		Wm. Taylor.
Dewitt Cobb.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Melvin Crane.		John Worden.
Geo. Worthington.		Geo. Stacy.
Brayton Wright.		Martin Ruoff.
James McKinney.		

H. P. MERRILL POST NO. 419, BAY CITY.

Chartered February 19, 1892.

Membership 22.

Commander, Geo. W. Butterfield.		Alternate.
<i>Delegate.</i>		J. W. McKnight.
*Horace Morey.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
M. M. Andrews.		L. G. Wilcox.
H. E. Meeker.		J. W. Knaggs.
*Israel Youngs.		Geo. W. Butterfield.
Geo. P. Cobb.		

WM. H. DUMPHY POST NO. 424, YALE.

Chartered January 27, 1893.

Membership 22.

*Commander, Chas. Montney.		Alternate.
<i>Delegate.</i>		
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Chas. Montney.		Miles Simmons.
*Elmore Putney.		Henry A. Cope.

STEPHEN MUNGER POST NO. 425, FREELEND.

Chartered August 2, 1893.

Membership 13.

*Commander, Wayne E. Morris.		Alternate.
<i>Delegate.</i>		
E. G. Allen.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Henry Manwell.		Geo. W. Haverland.
A. McGuire.		Geo. Hall.
Jefferson Chapman.		W. E. Morris.
Peter Doran.		

P. O'CONNELL POST NO. 426, IRON MOUNTAIN.

Chartered August 3, 1893.

Membership 5.

Commander, J. W. Burbank.		Alternate.
<i>Delegate.</i>		John L. Buell.
Samuel Bassett.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
J. W. Burbank.		

PLFASONTON POST NO. 429, IRONWOOD.

Chartered.

Membership 7.

Commander, Curtis Buck.		Alternate.
<i>Delegate.</i>		
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Curtis Buck.		

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

JOHN RITCHIE POST NO. 430, BURT.

Chartered July 14, 1896.

Membership 12.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, J. L. Van Sickle.	<i>Alternate.</i>
John Davis.		Jerry Meseck.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Jesse L. Van Sickle.		W. W. Webster.
David McNailey.		Thos. Boodger.

O. M. POE POST NO. 433, DETROIT.

Chartered November 18, 1896.

Membership 81.

<i>Delegates.</i>	*Commander, Aaron T. Strong.	<i>Alternates.</i>
*John M. Tucker.		Robt. K. Taylor.
*Jos. Fuller.		Frank Friend.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*John Devlin.		Jas. M. C. Miller.
H. F. Serrine.		E. H. Davis.
Geo. W. Clements.		J. T. McCurdy.
J. M. Tucker.		*Cornelius O'Dwyer.
Wm. N. Siggins.		S. A. Widrig.

MCCOOK POST NO. 434, McBRIDE.

Chartered February 24, 1897.

Membership 11.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, M. J. Christian.	<i>Alternate.</i>
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Louis Perkins.		M. J. Christian.
Myron Dean.		Frederick Neff.

F. A. DANIELS POST NO. 437, NEW TROY.

Chartered June 29, 1897.

Membership 5.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, John A. Cox.	<i>Alternate.</i>
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
John A. Cox.		

H. P. NILES POST NO. 438, NEW LOTHROP.

Chartered July 22, 1897.

Membership 7.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, John Northwood.	<i>Alternate.</i>
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Batus Snyder.		*John Northwood.
James Smith.		Jay Douglass.

STEELE BROS. POST NO. 441, MASON.

Chartered December 31, 1897.

Membership 25.

<i>Delegate.</i>	*Commander, L. H. Ives.	<i>Alternate.</i>
*H. J. Northrup.		Geo. Ohlinger.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Jas. A. Sherwood.		H. O. Call.
*Frank Lester.		Lucius W. Mills.
N. Templar.		*Theo. Bortels.
J. C. Squires.		J. G. Snook.
L. H. Ives.		

WASHINGTON POST NO. 444, CADILLAC.

Chartered April 14, 1898.

Membership 19.

Delegate. *Commander, A. J. Teed.
 R. L. Dalzell. *Alternate.*
 Wm. Stewart.
Past Commanders.
 *D. E. Cook, M. D. Richardson.
 *Chas. C. Dunham.

E. H. GIBSON POST NO. 445, GOWEN.

Chartered April 29, 1898.

Membership 9.

Delegate. Commander, C. A. Peasley.
 John Morris. *Alternate.*
 C. Terry.
Past Commanders.
 C. A. Peasley, Geo. S. McClelland.
 V. W. Leland, D. Bonesteel.
 W. H. Allen, Ed. Bradshaw.

J. B. SWEETLAND POST NO. 448, EDWARDSBURG.

Chartered July 21, 1899.

Membership 15.

Delegate. Commander, L. A. Allen.
 Oliver Hiron. *Alternate.*
Past Commanders.
 *B. F. Thompson, Aaron Dever.
 Calvin A. Steuben, William Funk.
 John Jones, Pleasant Smith.

GEN. I. C. SMITH POST NO. 451, REED CITY.

Chartered April 28, 1900.

Membership 24.

Delegate. *Commander, Livingston Hall.
 Thos. A. Ball. *Alternate.*
 Irwin S. Miner.
Past Commanders.
 Isaac Grant, David J. Randall.
 David J. Zook, Homer Spencer.
 John H. Freeland, Livingston Hall.
 "Ren" Barker, Anthony Wise.
 Geo. H. Gilbert, C. D. Woodruff.

H. W. LAWTON POST NO. 452, SAMARIA.

Chartered June 23, 1900.

Membership 32.

Delegate. Commander, A. M. Albert.
 *H. C. Nieswender. *Alternate.*
 E. G. Hungerford.
Past Commanders.
 A. J. Teall, Chas. L. Clary.
 Philander Karr, A. J. Shepherd.
 A. M. Albert.

HARLOW PELTON POST NO. 453, KINGSTON.

Chartered July 21, 1900.

Membership 14.

Delegate. Commander, Walter B. Nedrey.
 *Lewis Tanway. *Alternate.*
 R. King.

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Past Commanders.

Walter B. Nedrey.
W. C. Lockwood.
A. B. Payne.

Geo. E. Parker.
J. B. Hickey.
Russell King.

JAMES A. SAXTON POST NO. 454, CENTRAL LAKE.

Chartered July 17, 1900.

Membership 19.

Delegate.

L. D. Wright.

Commander, L. D. Wright.

Alternate.

J. H. Hemphill.

Past Commanders.

D. C. Morrison.
W. Mohrman.
O. Burnett.

A. J. Drake.
W. H. Easton.
D. W. Sage.

JOHN HUNTER POST NO. 455, MONTROSE.

Chartered November 21, 1900.

Membership 15

Delegate.

Commander, L. A. Bronson.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

*David Cross.
James H. Persons.
James E. Barnes.
*Geo. W. England.

W. C. Bouck.
John W. Barber.
August Lucke.

STANSELL POST NO. 456, SOUTH LYON.

Chartered February 22, 1901.

Membership 20.

Delegate.

M. Holmes.

Commander, J. E. Rice.

Alternate.

Philo Chubb.

Past Commanders.

L. S. Allen.
A. C. Washburn.
A. C. Packard.

C. Calkins.
L. A. Sayles.
T. W. Hammond.

J. M. POND POST NO. 460, SAUGATUCK.

Chartered February 9, 1903.

Membership 25

Delegate.

John Bartholomew.

Commander, W. H. Manning.

Alternate.

S. R. Barker.

Past Commanders.

J. C. Bartholomew.
Judson Doud.
R. Baker.

C. Whitney.
Z. B. Woody.
John Brown.

GEORGE BOYD POST NO. 461, BOON.

Chartered August 8, 1903.

Membership 27.

Delegate.

Morgan Mercer.

*Commander, R. C. Norris.

Alternate.

David McClain.

Past Commanders.

*Amos Merrill.
B. F. Smith.
J. S. McClain.

R. C. Norris.
*Geo. W. Wheeler.
Wm. McNitt.

E. A. ALGER POST NO. 462, RAPID CITY.

Chartered November 2, 1907.

Membership 13.

Delegate.

Ed. Smith.

Commander, Jos. Finney.

Alternate.

M. H. Balden.

Past Commanders.

Joseph Finney.

Peter Desmond.

John H. Wilhelm.

SILAS HUFFMAN POST NO. 463, MESICK.

Chartered April 26, 1911.

Membership 10.

Delegate.

Chas. H. May.

Commander, Geo. W. Averill.

Alternate.

E. L. Gates.

Past Commanders.

G. W. Averill.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

FIRST DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, assembled at the Auditorium, Wednesday, June 19 at 9:30 a. m. The Encampment was called to order by Department Commander, Geo. W. Stone, who in a few brief remarks introduced Mayor Bell, who delivered an address and welcomed the Comrades and their auxiliaries to the city of Port Huron.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

Mayor Bell: Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I assure you that I deem this a very great pleasure to have the privilege and honor this morning on behalf of the citizens of Port Huron to meet with this large assembly of Grand Army of the Republic men and their ladies who have met here to hold their encampment or reunion, as it were, and on their behalf I extend to you a very cordial greeting and hearty welcome to Port Huron.

Some months ago when your Commander came to Port Huron to make the preliminary arrangements, he asked for certain things, and I believe that we have endeavored to carry out his requests. And I want to assure him and the gentlemen present that if there have been any mistakes made or things left undone it has been a mistake of the head and not of the heart.

I believe it is a beautiful custom for the Grand Army men to meet at least once a year, and renew their acquaintances and enjoy each others friendship and society. Port Huron has become noted as a convention city. Some of the largest assemblies of the state have been held here during the past year. We believe that we have a beautiful city for convention purposes. We have many places of interest, especially to those of you who come from inland towns and enjoy our water front. We have the great international channel which connects these two great nations, where train load after train load of passengers and freight pass to and fro from here.

The great St. Clair river which divides or rather unites these two large nations, where millions of dollars of commerce pass by our doors both day and night; and many other places of interest, and I do hope ladies and gentlemen that you will have an opportunity to extend your

visit long enough to become better acquainted with our citizens who will be glad to meet you and show you the beauty spots of Port Huron.

Now I know that you come here for business this morning and I am not going to take up any of your valuable time, but I do wish to impress upon your minds one thought, and that is, that it is the hope and wish of every citizen of Port Huron that your visit here will be one of very much pleasure to yourselves and a benefit to each and every one of you and that you will go away from Port Huron feeling that you have had an enjoyable time and that you will like Port Huron.

Commander Stone: Mr. Mayor, in behalf of my old comrades and the auxiliaries belonging to the Grand Army, I wish to thank you and the citizens for the courteous welcome you have given us. I wish to say to the comrades that as far as I know everything has been carried out as agreed to. When I came to Port Huron to put before the Business Men's Association and the city government the demands that we should make upon them if we came to their city, it took our Mayor just two minutes to look them over and say to me, "We will respond to your demands, they are reasonable, and we will do all we can for you." And as the Mayor says, I have considerable to look after today, and these comrades have also, I will not take up your time, but I want to say again in behalf of the Grand Army, I thank you.

Now, Comrades that ends the public meeting. The Chief of Staff will detail five comrades to take up the countersign, and all comrades can pass out who are not delegates, and be seated in the galleries. As no one but delegates are entitled to seats on the main floor, this is the usual custom.

The Chief of Staff announced all present were members of the Grand Army of the Republic and entitled to seats in the Encampment.

Commander Stone: Comrades, once more we have assembled for the transaction of business that may properly come before this Encampment. The Acting Chaplain, T. C. Putnam, will now invoke the divine blessing. Parade, rest.

Acting Chaplain: Almighty Father, humbly we bow before thee, our Creator, Preserver, Guide and Protector. We thank thee for our lives, for thy mercy which has kept us until this hour and for thy guidance by day and by night, for thy constant care in the hour of danger, and for the preservation of our national integrity and unity. Be graciously near to our comrades who suffer from disease and wounds, and to the widows and orphans of our holy cause. In their distress comfort them, and give us willing hearts and ready hands to supply their needs. Grant that the memory of our dead who graciously gave their lives for the land they loved may dwell forever in our hearts. Bless our country, Bless our Order, make it an instrument of great good; keep our names on the roll of thy servants and at last receive us into that Grand Army above, where Thou Oh God art the Supreme Commander. Amen.

Commander Stone: I now declare this Encampment duly open for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it. I would like to say, before we go on with the business of the Encampment, I hope that all will be promptly on time at the beginning of each session, and assist us in expediting business. I will state before I turn the Encampment over to the Senior Vice Commander that the Council of Administration recommend that the rules of the National Encampment

be adopted to govern this Encampment if there is no objection. I hear no objections, we will consider the recommendation of the Council of Administration. Adopted, and the rules governing the National Encampment, will govern this Encampment.

At this point the Department Commander discovered that he had left his address at the hotel. The Senior Vice Commander was called to the chair, and proceeded with the regular business of the Encampment.

Senior Vice Commander: We will hear the report of the Committee on Credentials. Are you ready to report?

Comrade Davey: Commander, a large number of delegates arrived this morning and the Credential Committee are still busy issuing delegates badges, and we are unable to report the number present at this time, we can safely say there is over four hundred registered and would ask for further time to complete our report.

Senior Vice Commander: If there is no objection the Credential Committee will have further time to report. The Assistant Adjutant General will call the roll of the Encampment.

Comrade Dean: I would ask if there is a quorum present?

Senior Vice Commander: It is evident that we have a very large quorum present.

Comrade Dean: I move we suspend the calling of the roll.

Senior Vice Commander: It is moved and seconded that we dispense with the calling of the roll. Are you ready for the question.

Senior Vice Commander: The motion is carried and the calling of the roll is suspended. Now the next is the report of the Senior Vice Commander and as I was just about to say, comrades, the only report I have to make is one in person, that I have been watching with jealous eye the doings of the Grand Army of Michigan and the only thing that has come to me in the past year with sorrow and regret is to take up the paper day after day and find that so many of the grand fellows who have been meeting with us in years that are gone have answered to the last roll call. That brings to us mingled emotions of sorrow and regret that this great body of men are passing into history. A history that they have themselves made in support of the greatest principal that ever illuminated histories pages. You went forth when you were boys and today in the closing years of your lives, years of usefulness in which you have always been rendering, if not any great important service, at least the members of the Grand Army have been loyal during all these forty-six years, forty-seven years, ever since the close of the war—you have been loyal to every principal that has stood for a greater America.

When I come to think of the service of the Grand Army of the Republic, I am glad and proud this morning to be one of your distinguished number. I say distinguished number because there does not meet in this great country today any body of men who are so full of years as we are. Think of it. In assembling here this morning we average more than three score years and ten. No other body of men who have ever assembled in the discharge of any duty except the Roman Senate had as many years upon their shoulders as we. And as we look backward this morning over those forty-seven years that have been following one another so rapidly in history we may well look upon it with emotions of pride



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and joy and glory. To think that we although but a small number of that great host that went from Michigan in response to the repeated calls of the beloved Lincoln yet those of us who are here though few in number we represent heartily in sentiment what was undertaken by us when we were boys. Glad and proud may this body of men well be. We are entitled if ever a body of men were entitled to the term Grand we certainly are entitled to it, if for nothing else because we have stood true to every principle that has made greater America. So I have no report to bring to you this morning only one of the thousands of loyal hearts who still live within the precincts of our beloved Peninsular state and with those to join hands in expressing to you my joy as one of you that we may meet once more in re-union under such auspicious circumstances and surroundings.

The next is the report of the Junior Vice Department Commander, Comrade J. J. Holmes.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER.

Department Commander, Officers and Comrades:

I have the honor, as Junior Vice Department Commander, of the Grand Army of the Republic, of the State of Michigan, to submit the following report:

I appreciate the honor conferred upon me by the comrades by electing me to this office one year ago at Ypsilanti, and being installed as one of the Department officers at that time.

The duties of this office being limited, I have very little to report.

I attended a meeting in Detroit last November, the occasion being a reception to Commander Stone and his official staff by the posts of the city of Detroit. Over two hundred were present and listened to speeches by Commander Stone and Col. O. A. Janes, as well as several other prominent men. Refreshments were also served by the Corps ladies.

On April 9th I attended the Clinton County Battalion meeting held at the court house in St. Johns, the event being the anniversary of the firing on Ft. Sumpter. Speeches by Commander Stone, Col. O. A. Janes and others made this a very impressive meeting.

I was instrumental in organizing a Citizens' Corps of 25 members in my home city. We held a reception for the members, and the Women's Relief Corps served a three course luncheon. I was chosen as toast-master, and all responded as their names were called. A royal good time was enjoyed by all present.

In conclusion I must say a few words of praise for Commander Stone. He has always been ready with words of encouragement whenever called upon, and gave advice to all. He has been a source of inspiration to me, and I cannot say enough, it seems to me, in praise of our Department Commander, and a loyal worker in this organization called the Grand Army of the Republic.

One thing more I wish to say and that is that I wish to invite you one and all, to the Eaton County Battalion Encampment to be held in Eaton Rapids next summer. Our Encampment this year was a grand

success and everyone had a most enjoyable time throughout the entire meetings. We have a beautiful park in Eaton Rapids, one of the finest to be found anywhere for an encampment of this kind, and I can assure you that all who attend next summer will be given a royal welcome and a rousing good time.

Wishing the incoming administration a successful year, and that we will all meet at the Encampment next year, I respectfully submit this report.

J. J. HOLMES,
Junior Vice Commander.

Senior Vice Commander: This report will be referred to the committee as follows: J. Q. A. Sessions, Post 137, Comrade Teed, Post 44, and Comrade A. Pray, Post 107.

We will now listen to the report of the Assistant Adjutant General.

Assistant Adjutant General: I am sorry that the commander in his haste this morning forgot his report and left it at the hotel. I do not like to read my report until he has read his but as we are saving time and my report has been called for, I will read it.

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

PORT HURON, June 19, 1912.

Geo. W. Stone, Department Commander and Comrades:

In compliance with the rules and regulations of our order, I have the honor to submit for the consideration of this Encampment a detailed statement of transactions of the office of the Assistant Adjutant General, during the year.

MEMBERSHIP.

The first of importance is that of membership.

Reports for terms ending June 30th, 1911, and December 31st, 1911, as consolidated from the semi-annual reports and forwarded to the National Headquarters, are as follows:

	Posts.	Members.
Number in good standing, December 31st, 1910.....	309	9,372
Gains—Term ending June 30th, 1911.....		
By muster-in.....	1	166
By transfer.....		63
By reinstatement.....		170
Total gain first term, 1911.....	1	399
Aggregate.....	310	9,771



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Losses—Term ending June 30, 1911.

By death.....	290	
By honorable discharge.....	8	
By transfer.....	59	
By suspension.....	161	
By delinquent reports.....	2	51
By surrender of charter.....	2	33
Total loss first term.....	4	602
Number remaining in good standing end of term.....	306	9,169

Gains—Term ending December 31st, 1911.

By muster-in.....	98	
By transfer.....	44	
By reinstatement.....	146	
By reinstatement from delinquent.....	1	8
Total gain for term.....	1	296
Aggregate.....	307	9,465

Losses:

By death.....	229	
By honorable discharge.....	10	
By transfer.....	33	
By suspension.....	196	
By delinquent reports.....	17	217
By surrender of charter.....	4	73
Total Loss for second term.....	21	758
Number remaining in good standing December 31, 1911 ..	286	8,707

The gain in membership from all sources during the year has been 2 posts and 695 members, while the total loss for the year from all sources has been 25 posts and 1,360 members, deducting the gains we have a net loss for the year 23 posts and 665 members.

Post No. 463 Mesick was mustered in April 27, 1911 with 10 members.

Post No. 155, Homer has been reinstated with 11 members.

Of the 25 Posts lost, 6 surrendered their charters, viz:

Post No. 119, Charlevoix.	Post No. 203, Stockbridge.
Post No. 223, Richmond.	Post No. 238, Coopersville.
Post No. 365 Lake City.	Post No. 432, Marine City.

The following Posts were reported delinquent during the year:

Post No. 47, Dowagiac.	Post No. 61, Gaylord.
Post No. 64, Niles.	Post No. 104, Ovid.
Post No. 112, Mulliken.	Post No. 118, Lexington.
Post No. 123, Frankfort.	Post No. 130, Edmore.
Post No. 138, Ferry.	Post No. 141, Lakeview.
Post No. 146, Waldron.	Post No. 155, Homer.
Post No. 159, Middleville.	Post No. 184, Detroit.
Post No. 267, Plainwell.	Post No. 337, Ravenna.
Post No. 394, Wexford.	Post No. 417, Harbor Beach.
Post No. 450, Standish.	

W. R. C. FUND.

The per-capita tax for the following Posts was paid from the W. R. C. Fund, for the term ending June 30, 1911.

Location.	Members.	Per capita tax.
Post No. 47, Dowagiac	23	\$2 88
Post No. 61, Gaylord	8	1 00
Post No. 64, Niles	16	2 00
Post No. 104, Ovid	24	3 00
Post No. 112, Mulliken	12	1 50
Post No. 118, Lexington	11	1 37
Post No. 123, Frankfort	12	1 50
Post No. 119, Charlevoix	15	1 88
Post No. 138, Ferry	5	63
Post No. 146, Waldron	13	1 62
Post No. 155, Homer	11	1 38
Post No. 159, Middleville	9	1 12
Post No. 184, Detroit	11	1 38
Post No. 269, Plainwell	23	2 88
Post No. 287, Cheshire	10	1 25
Post No. 312, Scotts	4	50
Post No. 337, Ravenna	10	1 25
Post No. 394, Wexford	10	1 25
Post No. 405, Perrinton	15	1 88
Post No. 417, Harbor Beach	9	1 13
Post No. 450, Standish	10	1 25
A total of 21 Posts with	261	\$32 65

Amount of per capita tax paid from W. R. C. Fund for first term, \$32.65.

Of the above 21 posts, Posts No. 123, 155, 287, and 405 made reports and paid their per capita in the second term, the other 17 being reported as delinquent.

For the term ending December 31st the per capita tax has been advanced on only two posts as follows:

Location.	Members.	Per capita tax.
Post No. 185, Three Oaks	19	\$2 38
Post No. 374, Parma	5	62
Total	24	\$3 00

The per capita tax advanced from the W. R. C. fund for the year as shown by the above statements is \$35.65, reducing that fund that amount.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The receipts of the Department largely come through the hands of the Assistant Adjutant General, and consists largely of per capita tax, supplies sold, and a very small amount from "other sources." The amount coming into my hands for the year is as follows:

Per capita tax received from Posts, first term..	\$1,119 34	
Per capital from W. R. C. fund, 21 Posts first term	32 65	
Per capita tax received from Posts, second term.	1,087 45	
Per capita tax from W. R. C. fund, second term.	3 00	
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Total per capita tax for the year.....		\$2,242 44
Received from the sale of supplies.....	\$200 27	
Received from other sources.....	5 66	205 93
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Total received by me during the year.....		\$2,448 37

This amount has all been turned over to the Assistant Quartermaster General, and for which I have his receipts.

There has been a falling off in receipts for supplies as well as in the amount received for per capita tax, yet the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General will show a remarkable increase in the general fund.

There has been but one meeting of the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration, and two meetings of the Council of Administration held during the year. Proceedings of these meetings will be published in the Journal of the Encampment.

MORTUARY REPORT.

The Mortuary Report published for the first time in the Journal of the Thirty-third Department Encampment was not as perfect as we hope to make it. The law calls for the publication of the name, Company, and Regiment in which the comrade served, the date of death, and residence at time of death.

If these reports are to be of value in the future, great care must be exercised in making out the report to give all data correctly.

In the report published which was for the deaths in 1910, the list shows 518 deaths for that year, while the Adjutant's report for the same time shows a death loss of 546, a difference of 28. This difference is accounted for in this way. Posts in making up their reports will make report of one or two deaths in tabulating their membership, and fail to give the name and descriptive list under the head of losses in the report, comrades will readily see that where names are not given they cannot be published.

If this report is to be of value it must be correct and all information called for must be given, it is not sufficient that the name alone be given, as is often the case, the organization in which the comrade served must also be given as a means of identification and the date of death as a matter of record and future reference.

Gradually the number of comrades in this Department is decreasing, while the actual number of deaths does not differ much from that of one year ago, the percentage is increasing.

Thanking you Commander for the honor conferred by your appointment of myself as Assistant Adjutant General, and for your many

kindnesses, I also desire to express my thanks to the members of the official staff and all other comrades for their many courtesies, I am

Sincerely yours in F. C. & L.,

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Commander Stone: I will appoint as the committee on the report of the Assistant Adjutant General, Uriah Lazelle, Post 42, H. A. Chapin, Post 31, H. A. Clute, Post 166.

Comrades many a good general has made a mistake by losing his head. I want to say that while I was not a general I tried to be a good private but I neglected in preparing for this battle to put my ammunition in position where I could get it and I hope you will pardon me for the delay in reading my report.

The Senior Vice Commander will please assume the chair.

ADDRESS OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

My Comrades: One year ago, during the session of the Thirty-third Department Encampment, held in the city of Ypsilanti, you placed confidence in me, by electing me your Department Commander. My comrades that presented my name, and vouched for me at that time, made what might have seemed to some at that time, extravagant promises, on my arrival home I read over carefully the proceedings of that Encampment, especially the promises made in my behalf, these promises I have endeavored to fulfill, and make good to the best of my ability, I have devoted my entire time, and responded to every invitation to attend reunions, Posts, and Campfires, when the dates did not conflict. I have traveled 3,912 miles in the interest of the Department, paying all my expenses. I have not drawn one cent of the money appropriated by this Department or the Woman's Relief Corps. I have never in my life expended my money or labor in any enterprise, where I have received any more satisfactory pleasure than in my labors of this last year. My greatest pleasure has been in attending Battalion and Regimental reunions. There I found the old soldier that wears the little bronze button, who does not belong to any Post, but is willing to receive all the benefit of national, and state legislation, which is entirely conceived and moulded into law, by the eternal vigilance of the Grand Army of the Republic. Those are the old soldiers that I like to face when I am talking to old soldiers at a reunion. I am not going to assume that it is my duty to advise my successor what to do. But I believe at this time, I should advise my comrades what I have found to be profitable in the interest of the Grand Army of the Republic. Our membership is fast decreasing, our Posts are growing less in numbers, and this we all expect, as we now average seventy-one years of age, without any new blood to draw from.

There was a time when each Post in this Department was a strong fortress within itself, good, able, competent comrades were then seeking the honors of being elected to office, many have since answered to their

last roll call, and the survivors are growing old and feeble, they do not feel like being burdened with cares and responsibilities. There is one panacea that I have found to check these ills. That is for the Department Commander to visit Posts and re-unions, and in his travels, if any of the comrades are sick and bedridden, take the Post Commander, go to their homes, visit with them. It cheers them up, and makes every member of the Post feel that comradeship means something. I have visited many sick comrades at their homes during my travels the last year, and left them believing they would never attend another Post meeting. It was not the individual that cheered them, it was their Commander who had come to visit them; comrades, the boys learned to honor and respect the name commander during the civil war, they have that same honor and respect for their Department Commander today, whoever he may be, if he does his duty. This Department has conferred on me their highest gift, the work and duties as Department Commander, has become a work of love to me, so much so that I shall continue it to a certain extent, as I have already made promises to visit several re-unions and Posts the coming year. The big reunions of several counties, held both at Traverse City and Mt. Pleasant, were held during the week that the National Encampment was, which made it impossible for me to attend, which I regretted very much—I wish to suggest to the comrades, that in case they wish to invite the Department Commander to attend their reunions, it would be a good idea to consult him in regard to date of holding the same.

FINANCE.

The standing of finances at the present, is as follows:

Cash in General Fund.....	\$2,690 52
Cash in Alger Fund.....	1,000 00
Cash in W. R. C. Fund.....	766 43

The recommendations made by my predecessor, and adopted by the last Encampment, have been carried out. First, in regard to salary of the Assistant Adjutant General—making it \$800.00 per annum. Second, all bills against the Department shall be itemized, and paid by the Quartermaster General. Third, All Department moneys received by the Assistant Adjutant General, from all sources, shall be forwarded to the Quartermaster General, every two weeks—and all bills against the Department, shall be approved by the Department Commander, and paid by the Quartermaster General.

POST INSPECTION.

As it is left optional with the Department Commander, whether Posts in this Department shall hold inspections, I dispensed with the inspections, for the reason that not one-half of the Posts respond, and most of them that do, make a very unsatisfactory showing, and it makes considerable cost in printing, and postage.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

I cannot speak too highly of our Patriotic Instructor, comrade Frank McElroy, I appointed him to the position of Patriotic Instructor last

June, he went home from the Ypsilanti Encampment sick, and he has not been out of his home in ten months, he tendered his resignation, I refused to accept it, I wrote him that he would be Patriotic Instructor for one year provided he lived, the Posts in this Department have all heard from him, he has done good and noble work, even when he had to be propped up in his chair to accomplish it, if every comrade in the old Fifth Michigan Infantry (his regiment), was endowed with his staying qualities, it explains why they made such a brilliant record.

SOLDIERS' HOME.

I visited the Soldiers' Home early in the month of November, 1911, I also visited it again on April 25th and 26th, 1912, with the Grand Army committee. I will not take up space in my address to make any comments, the committee will make a full report, they are all comrades that can be depended upon.

THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

This auxiliary to the Grand Army, I met with in all parts of the State, they have received, and entertained, with the same spirit of comradeship, as our comrades have, I feel that their aid and influence is the cause of keeping more than half of the Posts in this Department alive. I have had the pleasure of meeting the Department President at several reunions and campfires, and I believe that our consultations in regard to Grand Army work, has been beneficial to both the Posts and Corps, as the mother molds the character of the boy, into a good honest useful man, so the Woman's Relief Corps, molds the old soldier into a good, and useful Grand Army comrade.

LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

Wherever I have met them, they have treated me with courtesy, and respect especially the President, and the Department officers. I have made no preference in looking after the interest of the Woman's Relief Corps, and the Ladies of the G. A. R. at both National and State Encampments.

DAUGHTERS OF THE G. A. R.

Our comrades need no introduction to this order, they were introduced at the State Encampment one year ago, for the first time. They are our daughters, they have enlisted in a good cause, and they should be encouraged. A detail from General A. S. Williams Fortress No. 1, National Daughters of the G. A. R. will act as escort to the Department Commander in the annual parade of the Department at the Encampment in Port Huron—they will appear in military uniform.

SONS OF VETERANS.

No comrade knows better than I do, how discouraging it has been in the past, to think that our sons have not taken more interest in this order. They now realize that they have made a mistake. I am satisfied after a careful study of this order, that they are now organizing in

earnest, and they are going to make good, they will act as special escort for the Department, in the parade this year.

THE SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

At the Thirty-third Annual Encampment, the Department Commander recommended, and his recommendation was adopted, that the Spanish War veterans be invited to hold their Encampment at the same time and place, that we hold ours. I invited them, and secured free quarters for them to meet in. Their motto is the same as ours, (one country, and one flag, and that is old glory), at the last regular session of the legislature, every G. A. R. comrade, Spanish War Veteran, and Sons of Veterans, who were members of the House and Senate, voted and worked as a unit, on every bill introduced by your committee, in the interest of our comrades—I speak from personal knowledge, why should we not stand together, in unity, there is strength.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

The National Encampment held in the city of Rochester, N. Y., last August, was, so all the comrades present declared, a perfect success as far as Michigan was concerned. The headquarters train left Detroit on Sunday afternoon August 20th, with the official staff, and other comrades, the Department President, Mrs. Jennie Arnold-Pearson, and her Department officers, and many ladies of the W. R. C.—on account of the railroad rate and steamboat rates, given to excursionists after our rates to the Grand Army had been advertised in general orders, the comrades scattered and took many different routes. The Department of Michigan made a splendid showing in the parade. The Civil War Veteran Drum Corps made a fine appearance, and they attracted attention all along the line of march. There were 37 delegates and Past Commanders present, who cast their votes in the Encampment—we were all proud of Michigan.

MEMBERSHIP.

The Assistant Adjutant General's report will show the following gains and losses in membership, and Posts suspended or dropped for the year 1911:

GAINS.

From all sources Term ending June 30, 1911.....	399
From all sources Term ending Dec. 31, 1911.....	296
Total gain for the year.....	695

LOSSES.

By death Term ending June 30, 1911.....	290
By death Term ending Dec, 31, 1911.....	229
Total deaths for year.....	519

Loss from other sources, first term.....	312
Loss from other causes for second term.....	529
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Total loss for the year.....	1,360
Deducting gains, the net loss for the year was.....	665

POSTS—GAIN.

There has been a gain of two Posts—one by reinstatement—one by muster-in.

POSTS—LOST.

The loss of Posts by surrender of charter.....	6
The loss of Posts by delinquent reports.....	19
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Total Posts lost	25
Number of Posts in good standing.....	286
Number of members in good standing.....	8,707

Of the delinquent Posts, 17 had been carried by the Woman's Relief Corps Fund from two to five years. They have been called on and written to repeatedly, and not one of them would answer a letter. As comrades of the Grand Army, I am disgusted with them, as many of these Posts are located in wealthy communities, and with comrades in abundance, as you will see when the Adjutant General makes his report.

FINANCES.

The report of Past Assistant Quartermaster General, E. K. Starkweather, showed a balance on hand of \$4,029.22—which was turned over to the Assistant Quartermaster General Lester J. Kenney—to be added to this amount are the receipts of the Assistant Adjutant General, for per capita tax, the sales of supplies, and receipts from other sources.

The Assistant Adjutant General's report shows that there has been received from per capita tax, for both terms, \$2,242.44; from sale of supplies, \$200.27, and from other sources, \$5.66; the Assistant Quartermaster General has received interest on the several funds in his hands, \$242.05, making the total receipts during my administration, \$6,720.09.

Disbursements as shown by the reports of the Assistant Quartermaster General has been, \$2,263.14, leaving a balance on hand of \$4,456.95.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Our grand old Chaplain is in the Baptist Minister's Home at Fenton, Michigan, but he has kept up the work of his office. He has dictated it to others, as he is totally blind. He has made out his report fully, and completely, as in the past, and forwarded it to the Assistant Adjutant General, who will read it. He is ninety years old, and there is an effort being made all along the line to get him a special pension, making a total of \$75.00 per month.

PATRIOTISM AND HONOR.

I have studied hard to conceive of some way to keep down our suspended and dropped list, in the month of February, 1912, I offered a resolution in my Post that we organize a Citizens G. A. R. Corps, with a membership not to exceed 25, with dues \$10.00 per annum. I was detailed to do the recruiting. In one day we had the quota full. The members are composed of our best and most wealthy citizens, who are proud of the honor. Today we have a waiting list. No comrade in Post No. 42, need ever be suspended or dropped for non-payment of dues. Several other posts are now organizing corps of this kind, and meeting with success. It can be done all over the state. At the same time we are only scattering honor and patriotism, of which we have an abundance. The men that receive it would not part with it at any price. They do more, they look after our interest and welfare.

GETTYSBURG IN 1913.

The fiftieth anniversary of the battle at Gettysburg will be celebrated on that battlefield on July 2, 3 and 4, 1913—the Governor appointed comrade James H. Kidd, and by order of the Commander-in-chief of the Grand Army, I appointed three comrades that took part in that memorial battle, comrades, O. A. Janes, Geo. C. Hopper, and Jacob O. Probasco. This committee of four are to go before the next session of the legislature of Michigan, and ask for an appropriation to defray the expenses of every comrade in Michigan, who took part in that battle, and to act with the general committee from other states. I appeal to every comrade to interview the candidates for the legislature from their district on this subject. The general government, New York, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and other states have made appropriations to pay the comrades expenses. Why should not Michigan.

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

Last year our mode of electing delegates to the National Encampment was unjust and unfair. Some Posts received two delegates, and in some districts they were bunched. I would recommend that the encampment, appoint a committee of three, to report back to this encampment, a better system of electing delegates. This year the National Encampment being so far away, I believe comrades should accept the election, that have good reasons to think they can go, and that intend to make an effort to go.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

It has not been necessary to call the executive committee together during the past year. The Commander, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General being located at headquarters, we checked up and audited the accounts, and books, from time to time, and found them correct. By so doing we save the extra expense of calling the extra meeting of the executive committee.

PENSIONS.

The bill agreed upon by the conferees, has become a law, by the presidents signature on May 11th, 1912.

The passage of this compromise bill, will stand as a monument of patriotism for all time to come. Comrades it should be an honor to have your names on the United States pension rolls, but it is a greater honor to be enrolled as a citizen of the greatest, best, and most liberal government on the face of this earth. This government never forgets the men that offered their lives to make it what it is—we have been rewarded far beyond what our contract called for when we enlisted. We appreciate it—this is another bill that was conceived by, and carried through and became a law, through the united efforts of the Grand Army. Soldiers that do not belong to this order, and are benefitted by this bill should join at once, and not be laggards.

MEMORIAL.

Our Department Medical Director, comrade W. W. Root departed this life suddenly at his home in Mason, Michigan, on the evening of April 20th, 1912. Myself and most of the official staff, and Junior Vice Commander Holmes attended the funeral.

Comrade Root was an active worker in the Grand Army, having been elected Medical Director of this Department eleven times. He entered the service as assistant surgeon of the 75th N. Y. Infantry, August 17th, 1862. When mustered out December 18th, 1865, he held the rank of Major in charge of the field hospital of Custer's famous cavalry brigade.

C. V. R. POND.

On Sunday morning June the 9th, word reached me over the telephone that our comrade, and past Department Commander, C. V. R. Pond, had answered to his last roll call at 4 a. m. that morning. It came to me like a thunder bolt from a clear sky, as I had talked with him a few days previous in his office, he was then looking forward, and making preparations to be present at this Encampment. Comrade Pond entered the service as Quartermaster of the 12th Connecticut Infantry and served during the Civil War. In 1878, he was appointed Provincial Commander of this Department, in 1879, he was elected Department Commander. He has been appointed and served seven terms as Assistant Adjutant General of this Department. His whole heart was devoted to the best interest and welfare of the Grand Army of the Republic.

TO THE OFFICERS.

I do not feel that I have made my address complete, did I not most sincerely thank all the Department officers, both for myself and the Department. I have never called on one of them to visit a reunion or campfire with me that they have not responded, or any other duty I have called on them to perform. I desire at this time to pay a tribute especially to my official staff, who have been more closely connected with me in the way of counsel and advice. Assistant Adjutant General Wyckoff, Assistant Quartermaster General Lester J. Kenney, Department Inspector, Albert Dunham, Judge Advocate O. A. Janes, Chief of Staff Frank R. Chase, Chief Mustering Officer Joseph O. Bellaire—again I thank you for the honor.

GEORGE W. STONE,
Department Commander.

Senior Vice Commander: The committee on the Commander's efficient, masterly and heartfelt report is as follows: Comrades O. A. Janes, Post, 384; James Greenfield, Post 89; Edward C. Anthony of Post 300.

The commander spoke about what was done at Lansing recently among the wealthy citizens to keep alive the Post and pay the dues of members and what the Junior Vice Commander did at Eaton Rapids and the Senior Vice has had a coterie of strong friends and two weeks ago last Monday in Ypsilanti in commemoration of your visit to us last year, you came to us in a sort of a sun-burst of glory written upon your faces, with enthusiasm in your hearts and we received you with open arms, and you left behind you such a fragrant memory of what had been and is and is to be for all coming time that the citizens of Ypsilanti decided that they would build a memorial to stand forever in memory of your coming in 1911, and so two weeks ago last Monday night the council voted unanimously to appropriate \$3,750 as a site for a Grand Army memorial armory. We propose to build an armory in Ypsilanti for the signal corps the boys that are following us and to have it known for all time as the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Armory.

We have \$2,000 subscribed for it and other thousands only waiting to be asked for. Now, what was done at Lansing, gentlemen, through the service of your heroic and faithful Commander and what was done at Eaton Rapids and what was done at Ypsilanti by the three officers during 1912, can be done in every other city. There is no necessity of Posts disbanding if the spirit is there that was there in 1861, because the spirit of '61 is only a reflection of the spirit of 1776, and the spirit of every other year should be in accord with it. There is a little village in a certain county where I had the honor of being called to deliver the memorial address in 1911, a little town in which there are five members of the Grand Army and a little hand full of people in that village not to exceed 300, the council passed the resolution that the Post shall never disband but that the village shall pay the rent of the hall and pay the heating and the lighting and pay all the dues of the men until the last man shall answer the last roll call, that post shall never disband. I believe comrades that what is true of that village and true of Lansing and true of Eaton Rapids and true of Ypsilanti as it was last year and was two weeks ago and will be for all time, as long as any member of the Grand Army lives in a patriotic state, can be done in every other town and as a member of the legislature last year—I just want to speak for a moment to support what our commander so gallantly said, that the Grand Army in the legislature, the Sons of Veterans and the Spanish War Veterans were ready—no one more ready than the representative from this city and I hope the committee will put him on at the campfire tonight and let him talk just five minutes and tell the Grand Army what a member of the legislature, a young fellow from Port Huron, thinks of the men in blue. He is a good talker. Down there at Lansing we have got the promise of building a memorial hall at Lansing to cost \$200,000 to represent the state and I believe it will be the first bill passed if you will only see to it in picking out the members of your legislature that you send men who whatever else they have been that they shall be enthused with the true spirit of patriotism and will not let these Posts go down. I intend that Ypsilanti if I live—and I see

my comrade Woodman and many others—we have seventeen representatives from Ypsilanti this year—I intend if I live that Ypsilanti shall pay the bill of the Grand Army during the next fifteen years and they will do it unanimously and they will in every other town if you just get after them.

We will listen to the report of the Medical Director. Comrade Stone will respond to that.

Commander Stone: I will simply say to the comrades, Comrade Root always made a report. You all know that he has been taken away and I will say to you that Doctor Root up to the time of his death did his duty, I think that is all the report that the comrade needs.

Now we will stand for a moment with bowed heads in memory of Comrade Root and Comrade Pond.

Senior Vice Commander: We will listen to the report of the Chaplain.

Assistant Adjutant General: I have the report of the Department Chaplain sent to me, as he is unable to be present, his health is very poor and he is nearly blind, so that he is unable to be about.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

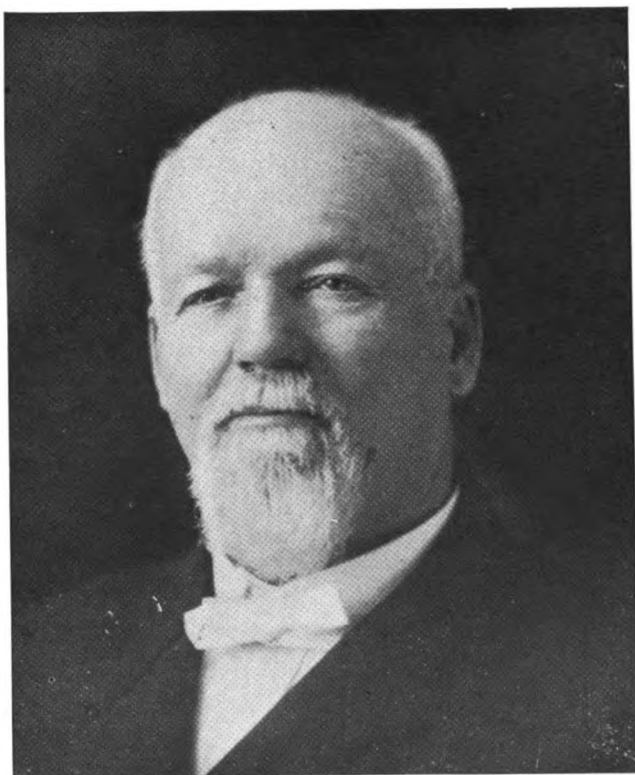
To Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan:

Honored Sir and Comrade: I herein render to you my report as Department Chaplain, covering Memorial Day services for May 30th, 1911, tabulated from reports received from Posts of this Department.

Number of Posts that observed Memorial Sunday.....	212
Number of sermons preached to them.....	206
Number of veterans that preached sermons to them.....	9
Number of sons of veterans that preached sermons to them....	6
Number of veterans who attended these services.....	5,099
Number of Posts that observed Decoration Day.....	215
Number of veterans that attended these services.....	7,005
Number of cemeteries in which soldier' graves were decorated.	749
Number of soldiers' graves decorated.....	24,025
Number of graves unmarked by proper headstones.....	1,326
Number of schools joining in Memorial Day services.....	388
Number of scholars joining in these services.....	27,725
Number of other organizations	210
Number of public addresses delivered to Posts.....	199
Number of veterans who delivered addresses.....	22
Number of sons of veterans who delivered addresses.....	28
Number of Posts owning burial places in cemeteries.....	125

I am glad to be able, under all the conditions of disability which I suffer, to make this comparatively satisfactory report through the assistance secured from others.

I very much regret the large number of reports not sent me by an unusual number of Posts, which for some reason, failed to make reports. The primary and fundamental object of Memorial Day is to remember



FRANK McELROY
Department Patriotic Instructor

our fallen comrades and honor their memory by decorating their graves with flags and flowers; and the vital purpose of these reports from Posts is to make known their part performed in this service of honoring the dead. For any Post to neglect this duty, is to defeat this purpose of memory and honor. I very much regret that this has not been fully done.

The business of making out the Post report devolves upon the Chaplain and if not made out by him, should be made out by the Adjutant and forwarded at once to the Department Chaplain. For a comrade who makes out such report to say, in answer to the question, "How many graves did your Post decorate?" "I don't know," betrays a carelessness or indifference that no comrade should ever permit or admit. It is the sacred duty of such comrade, if he does not know, to find out. It ought to be the interest and duty of Post Commanders and Adjutants to ascertain and know in behalf of the Post, that the work of their Post on Memorial Day, is promptly, fully and accurately reported. It will be sad enough for comrades who live hereafter, to know that those who were not in the war for the preservation of the Union, have lived to neglect those who were, and possibly leave their graves undecorated and their memories to perish; but for comrades to show such neglect, while still living, is a thought that brings sorrow to the heart.

We are aware that many of the membership of our Posts is rapidly decreasing and becoming few and far advanced in years, and consequently losing interest and activity in the work of the Post and of the Grand Army of the Republic; but we hope that as long as they can, they will be faithful to the one great responsibility of remembering and honoring their comrades, the one great object for which the Posts exist and Memorial Day is observed.

We greatly appreciate and highly honor the noble and faithful efforts of those Posts, largely in the majority, who have done their duty well and truly and made full reports of their proceedings on Memorial Day. We hope they will continue them and that those who have neglected to do so, will come up to the same standard of faithfulness and honor.

Commending these considerations to your kind regards, and hoping for better things in the future, I am very truly yours.

WILLIAM PUTNAM,
Department Chaplain.

Comrade Schnider: I move that the report of the Department Chaplain be accepted and adopted.

Seconded.

Motion put and carried.

Department Commander Stone resumes the Chair.

Commander Stone: I wish to make a little change in the committee on the Department Commander's report. Comrade Anthony is not here and as Comrade Dean is stopping at the same hotel and in the next room to Comrade Janes I will change that and it will be Comrade Dean instead of Comrade Anthony. I also wish to announce the committee on the death of Past Department Commander C. V. R. Pond. I appointed on this committee Colonel O. A. Janes because he is one of the old commanders and has been his neighbor and friend for years. I also appointed E. C. Cannon and C. F. Potter who is a past commander of

Post 2, Quincy, of which Post Comrade Pond has been a member since its organization.

I also wish to announce the committee on resolutions on the death of Comrade Root; Comrade L. H. Ives who is a member of his Post and an old friend; Comrade Uriah Lazell, Post 42; Comrade Robert Finch, Post 5.

We will now have the report of the Judge Advocate.

Pt. Huron, Mich., June 19, 1912.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General Department of Michigan,
G. A. R.:

Comrade: As Judge Advocate of this Department, I have the pleasure to report that but two cases have been submitted to me for a legal opinion thereon by the Department Commander, during the year. Several questions were forwarded to me direct by various comrades, and Commanders of Posts, without first being submitted to the Department Commander as required by Art. 7, Chapter 3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army, and decisions as found in the Grand Army Blue Book, page 70.

All such matters were returned to the senders with information to submit them through the proper channels.

The Judge Advocate is the legal advisor of the Department Commander, and it is for him to call upon the Judge Advocate for a legal opinion on such matters he deems advisable.

The Department Commander must decide all matters in controversy between Posts and their members. If our comrades would observe our rules more closely and submit their disputed or doubtful points to the proper officer of the Department, instead of sending them direct to the Judge Advocate most all of such matters could be settled speedily by such officer without obtaining the opinion of the Judge Advocate, thereon.

I herewith submit my report of the two cases submitted to me by the Department Commander, with a statement of the facts involved, and my opinion rendered thereon.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

O. A. JANES,

Judge Advocate, Dept. of Michigan, G. A. R.

Commander Stone: I have just received a dispatch from the Commander-in-chief.

"G. A. R. Encampment, Port Huron, Michigan. Reach you 12:30 White Star Line. H. M. Trimble."

I have appointed on the committee to meet the Commander-in-chief, Comrade Lee who has acted as the chairman of the citizens committee, he lives here and has an automobile and knows where to go. I also place upon that committee Riley L. Jones and I place another comrade on that committee that said he would rather carry the flag than to go, L. A. Sherman of Post 5. Now if these comrades will take this telegram and attend to this matter it will take it out of the hands of the Encampment.

Senior Vice Commander: The committee on the Judge Advocate's report is as follows: Comrade P. H. McBride, Charles P. Coffin, Post 5, Comrade L. A. Sherman, Post 98.

Comrade P. H. McBride, Post 262: I move the report be adopted as read without being referred to the committee. Motion seconded.

Senior Vice Commander: It is moved and seconded that the report be adopted as read. Are you ready for the question.

Motion put and carried.

Commander Stone: I have a notice I ought to read and then I understand there will be a motion made to take a recess until after the parade and while I am on that subject I want to say that there was a little mistake made in regard to the time and instead of having the parade start promptly at one o'clock it will start at one-thirty. I want to read a list of the committees appointed, these matters should be in the hands of the committee during the recess. I have appointed on the committee on the Woman's relief corps, Comrades Frank R. Chase, Comrade Spillain, and Comrade George Raab, Post 45. I would like to change that last name because I understood he would not be here, I would like to put the name of Comrade Lawrence I know it will be satisfactory to Comrade Raab.

Committee on resolutions, Comrade Henry S. Dean, Post 137, Comrade Bishop Andrews, Post 72, and Comrade David Wakenshaw, Post 175.

Committee on visit of the Ladies to the G. A. R., Comrades E. C. Cannon, Post 16, H. H. Scaden, Post 132, Thomas Davey, Post 17.

We will have the report of the Department Patriotic Instructor which will be read by the Assistant Adjutant General.

REPORT OF THE PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General Department of Michigan G. A. R.:

Dear Comrade: Twice during the year requests have been made on Posts for reports from Patriotic Instructors. Sixty-eight reports have been received and the Posts making reports but sixty of them have Patriotic Instructors.

Most of the reports state schools are furnished with flags and in general saluted by the children, also that teachers and children take an interest in patriotic work, especially Memorial Day exercises and on Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays.

Lincoln's Gettysburg address has been prominently placed in most of the schools. In towns where they have W. R. C. corps the ladies have taken a very active part in assisting in all patriotic work.

Instructor H. H. Miller of Post 166, Marshall, Mich., writes "An inspiring feature last year was to see hundreds of children with flags marching in the procession Memorial Day, and assisting the grey haired veterans in decorating the graves of the soldier dead.

The city appropriated seventy-five dollars for Memorial day to pay for teams, hall, flags for children, flowers, etc.

The band and drum corps donated their services, societies and citizens generally turned out and marched to the cemetery to witness the solemn services and decoration of the soldier graves.

Roll of honored dead contains 242 names."

Patriotic Instructor George B. Farquharson of Post No. 144, Lapeer, Mich., remarks are: "Memorial Day was an ideal day as to weather, great enthusiasm was shown. The exercises were held at the opera house which was crowded, the exercises were grand. The city furnished autos for the veterans and W. R. C. to take them to the cemetery where exercises were held, at the cenotaph after the veterans and children had decorated the comrades graves the W. R. C. decorated their deceased members graves also.

The city of Lapeer is very patriotic, all business places closed during the afternoon, every place being decorated with flags and bunting.

In Lapeer Decoration Day is the banner day for large turnouts, more people attending that service than for any other service during the year."

Your Patriotic Instructor believes that if the Mayor or President of each city and village in the state of Michigan would call a meeting of citizens about the 15th of May each year to make preparations for Decoration services and appoint committees on finance, cemetery, printing, flags, speakers, music and carriages and appoint a Marshal for May 30, and make the teachers and children of the public schools a committee on flowers and also request that business places be closed the afternoon of May 30, every one would be surprised at the great success of the day and that Michigan would soon be known as the banner state for giving honor to those who gave their lives that we may have the pleasure of living under the flag that floats over the best governed people on earth.

Respectfully submitted,

Yours in F. C. and L.,

FRANCIS McELROY,

Dept. Patriotic Instructor.

Comrade Saraw, Post 53: I move that the report of the Patriotic Instructor be accepted and adopted.

Motion carried.

Commander Stone: The next report will be that of the chief mustering officer.

Chief Mustering officer: I will not worry you with a long report as from the reports that have been made this morning by the different officers you will see that we are passing away, therefore my report is very very short.

REPORT OF CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

Port Huron, June 19, 1912.

Department Commander and Officers:

I would respectfully report that the duties of the office of Chief Mustering Officer, which office I have had the honor to hold during the past year, have been performed to the best of my ability. The time when this office was of the utmost importance to the Department has passed, and now the Mustering Officer in place of mustering in new Posts can look



LESTER J. KENNEY
Past Assistant Quarter-Master General



JOS. O. BELLAIRE
Chief Mustering Officer

on and see the other fellow mustering the comrades out, and he is perfectly helpless to prevent this onslaught upon our ranks. My comrades, we are facing death every moment, too often we are forgetful of the fact that the process of death begins with our very birth, and that life is but the inevitable preparation for that death that must come to us all. The ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic are being depleted and it is so with all organizations, with all societies and with all communities. The toll exacted by death has been very heavy, upon us, and there is mourning of the loved ones who have been smitten in their innermost hearts, and whose grief it is our privilege to share and our affectionate duty to mitigate to the utmost of our ability, and let the memories of the deceased comrades be ever kept green in our hearts. I have attended fraternal meetings when possible, and have used my best endeavour to keep alive the fraternal feeling that binds us together as comrades. I am glad to note that a warm feeling of comradeship exists in all the Posts I have been able to visit during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Yours in F. C. and L.,

JOS. O. BELLAIRE,

Chief Mustering Officer.

Comrade Raab: I move you, sir, that this report be adopted. Motion seconded.

Commander Stone: It is moved and seconded that the report of the Chief Mustering Officer be received and adopted. Are you ready for the question? All in favor say aye, contrary, no. The motion prevails.

A motion will be in order to take a recess.

Comrade Dean: I move we take a recess until after the parade.

Seconded.

Motion put and carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Commander Stone: We will now come to order and proceed with the business of the Encampment. We will listen to the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

LANSING, June 18, 1912.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General:

Comrade: I have the honor to submit for your consideration, my report for the year ending June 18, 1912.

It is with great satisfaction that I am able to report a sound financial condition and a prosperous year. And a substantial increase in our general fund for the year.

RECEIPTS.

Received from Past Assistant Q. M. General, E. K. Starkweather, cash for the following funds:

Alger Fund	\$1,000 00	
W. R. C. Fund	802 08	
General Fund	2,173 50	
Vouchers H. No. 2 to R. No. 2.....	53 64	
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		\$4,029 22

Received from Asst. Adj. Gen. Wyckoff.....	2,448 37
Received interest from bank at Northville on Alger fund..	40 00
Received interest from bank at Northville on General and and W. R. C. Fund.....	98 00
Received interest from City National Bank, Lansing, on de- posits to June 18, 1912.....	104 50
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Total receipts \$6,720 09

Disbursements (see itemized list)..... 2,263 14

Leaving balance on hand..... \$4,456 95

A gain for the year of 427 73

An itemized statement of disbursements accompany this report and will be published in the Journal of the Encampment.

I appreciate the honor conferred one year ago at Ypsilanti, by Department Commander, Geo. W. Stone, and I wish to thank him for the confidence reposed in me. I wish to express my appreciation for the many courtesies received from the other officers of the Department and my comrades generally. I have endeavored in my humble way to perform

my duty as I saw it, and for the best interest of the Department of Michigan. There is no outstanding indebtedness, books and vouchers have all been duly audited by the Council of Administration, all of which is respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

LESTER J. KINNEY,
Assistant Quartermaster General.

Comrade Raab, Post 145: I move you sir, in as much as the executive committee have checked over the accounts and found everything correct that this report be adopted without the usual reference.

Motion seconded.

Commander Stone: You have heard the motion that this report be adopted without being referred to the committee. Are you ready for the question?

The motion prevails.

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS.

Disbursements.	Amount.
Per capita tax to National Department, first term.....	\$160 46
Per capita tax to National Department, second term.....	152 38
Expense, Rochester Encampment.....	323 97
Salary, Asst. Adj. General.....	807 50
Supplies purchased for Q. Master Stowits.....	113 52
Salary, Asst. Quartermaster General.....	50 00
Postage and box rent.....	145 81
Telephone rent and messages.....	13 25
Printing, department roster.....	48 60
Printing, general orders, stationery and envelopes, etc.....	122 35
Bronze badges for Rochester encampment.....	37 50
Committee, visiting Soldiers' Home.....	11 70
Patriotic Instructor M. C. Barney, Postage, etc.....	25 00
Patriotic Instructor F. McElroy, Postage, etc.....	6 60
Premium on Bonds, A. A. G. and A. Q. M. Gen.....	14 00
Sundry Office expense, drayage, express, etc.....	5 21
Stenographer for 33d encampment.....	50 00
Past Department Commanders' Badge.....	35 00
Collecting drafts, Northville Bank.....	1 00
Compiling Journal, 33d Dept. Encampment.....	50 00
Vouchers H No. 2 to R No. 2 from Starkweather.....	53 64
Paid per capita tax on delinquent posts.....	35 65
Total.....	\$2,263 14
The balance on hand in the several funds is as follows:	
Alger Fund.....	\$1,000 00
W. R. C. Fund.....	766 43
General fund.....	2,690 52
	\$4,456 95

DETAILED DISBURSEMENTS.

Date.	Paid Voucher No.	Description.	Amount.
June 30	1	Asst. Adjt. Gen. Fayette Wyckoff, last half of June salary	\$40 83
June 30	H 2 to R 2, inclus.	Received unpaid from former Asst. Q. M. Gen.	53 64
June 5	2	D. C. Spears for badge presented to Dept. Com. Lawrence	35 00
June 8	3	Mattie E. Lomis, encampment stenographer	50 00
June 13	4	Cola D. R. Stowits, supplies for Dept.	53 40
June 13	5	Past Asst. Q. M. Gen. Starkweather	1 11
June 15	6	Asst. Adjt. Gen. Fayette Wyckoff, first half of July salary	33 34
June 18	7	Asst. Adjt. Gen. Fayette Wyckoff, postage for Dept.	8 95
June 28	8	Dyer, Jenison, Barry Co., bonds for Asst. Adjt. Gen.	2 50
June 28	8½	Dyer, Jenison Barry Co., bonds for Asst. Q. M. Gen.	12 50
June 28	9	For rental Citizens Telephone Co., third Quarter, 1911	3 00
June 31	10	Asst. Adjt. Gen. Fayette Wyckoff, last half of July salary	33 33
June 31	10½	To Laphams Bank for collecting money on deposit	1 00
Aug. 2	11	Joseph K. Davisons Sons, badges for use at Rochester	37 50
Aug. 2	12	C. D. R. Stowits, Q. M. Gen., per capita tax first term, 1911	160 46
Aug. 11	13	Asst. Adjt. Gen. Fayette Wyckoff, drayage and ex. at Rochester	1 85
Aug. 11	14	Asst. Adjt. Gen. Fayette Wyckoff, Postage and cards for use Dept.	25 51
Aug. 11	15	Robert Smith Printing Co. for use of Department	21 60
Aug. 11	16	Wyncoop Hallenbeck Crawford Co., cash book, Gen. Orders	17 50
Aug. 11	17	Allen Printing Co., 600 copies of Reports	2 50
Aug. 18	18	Crotty Bros., 2 record books	1 50
Aug. 19	19	Simons Dry Goods Co., ribbon for badges (Rochester)	12 00
Aug. 15	20	Asst. Adjt. Gen. Fayette Wyckoff, first half of August salary	33 34
Aug. 25	21	Transportation for drum corps, Rochester and return	144 00
Aug. 25	22	Rent of rooms at Powers Hotel at Rochester Encampment	100 10
Aug. 25	23	D. C. Spears for assisting at Headquarters, Rochester	7 00
Aug. 25	24	Fred Sayboy, decorating Headquarters, Rochester	10 00
Aug. 27	25	Asst. Adjt. Gen. Wyckoff, expense at Rochester	23 95
Aug. 31	26	Asst. Q. M. Gen. Kenney, expense at Rochester	25 07
Aug. 31	27	Asst. Adjt. Gen. Wyckoff, last half of August salary	33 33
Sept. 5	28	C. D. Stowits, Q. M. Gen., supplies	7 50
Sept. 16	29	Asst. Adjt. Gen. Wyckoff, first half of Sept. salary	33 34
Sept. 23	30	Allen Printing Co.	5 75
Sept. 30	31	Asst. Adjt. Gen. Wyckoff, last half of Sept. salary	33 33
Sept. 30	32	M. C. Barney, expenses Patriotic Instructor past 3 years	25 00
Oct. 10	33	Annin & Co., New York for flag belt	1 40
Oct. 11	34	Citizens Telephone Co., fourth quarter, 1911	3 00
Oct. 16	35	Asst. Adjt. Gen. Wyckoff, first half of October salary	33 34
Oct. 31	36	Asst. Adjt. Gen. Wyckoff, second half of October salary	33 33
Nov. 15	37	Asst. Adjt. Gen. Wyckoff, first half of November salary	33 34
Nov. 28	38	F. Schneider, expense telephone (Index Sal. Records)	70
Nov. 28	39	Allen Printing Co., 500 General Orders	4 25
Nov. 30	40	Seymour Foster, P. M., for postage stamps	39 20
Nov. 30	41	Asst. Adjt. Gen. Wyckoff, last half of November salary	33 33
Dec. 11	42	Asst. Adjt. Gen. Wyckoff, per capita tax paid delinquent posts	32 65
Dec. 11	43	Allen Printing Co., for use of Dept.	14 75
Dec. 11	44	Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., postage stamps	9 53
Dec. 11	45	Fayette Wyckoff, express and office expenses	2 31
Dec. 14	46	Fayette Wyckoff, first half December salary	33 34
Dec. 19	47	Lester J. Kenney, A. Q. M. Gen., first half of yearly salary	25 00
Dec. 23	48	Wynkoop Hallenbeck Crawford Co., printing as per voucher	27 00
Dec. 30	49	Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., for compiling 33d Encampment Journal	50 00
Dec. 30	50	Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., last half of December salary	33 33
Dec. 30 1912	51	Cola D. Stowits, Q. M. Gen., supplies	31 12
Jan. 15	52	Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., first half of January salary	33 34
Jan. 20	53	Allen Printing Co. for Dept. of Mich.	7 78
Jan. 30	54	Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., last half of January salary	33 33
Feb. 5	55	Citizens Telephone Co., rental, Jan. 1 to April 1	3 00
Feb. 14	56	Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., first half of February salary	33 34
Feb. 16	57	Seymour Foster for postage stamps for Dept.	14 60
Feb. 20	58	Q. M. Gen. C. D. R. Stowits, per capita tax, second term	152 38
Feb. 28	59	Asst. Adjt. Gen. Fayette Wyckoff, last half of February salary	33 33
Mar. 12	60-61-62	Asst. Adjt. Gen. Wyckoff for postage, box rent, etc.	21 37
Mar. 15	63	Asst. Adjt. Gen. Wyckoff, first half of March salary	33 34
Mar. 30	63½	Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., last half of March salary	33 33
April 2	64	Cola D. R. Stowits for supplies	21 50
April 13	65	The Roycroft Printing Co. for 500 Rosters	48 60
April 15	66	Asst. Adjt. Gen. Wyckoff, first half of April salary	33 34
April 26	67	Seymour Foster for postage stamps	17 10
April 30	68	O. G. Hubbard, expense visiting Soldiers' Home	6 84
April 30	69	Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., last half of April salary	33 33

DETAILED STATEMENTS.—*Concluded.*

Date.	Paid Voucher No.	Description.	Amount.
May 3	70	Citizens Telephone Co., April 1 to July 1, 1912.....	\$3 00
May 4	71	Allen Printing Co., printing for use of Dept.....	11 75
May 6	72	Lester J. Kenney, A. Q. Gen., last half of Annual salary.....	25 00
May 15	73	Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., first half of May salary.....	33 34
May 17	74	Wm. H. Mason, com. on Soldiers' Home.....	4 86
May 29	75	Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., last half of May salary.....	33 33
May 29	76	Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., postage, P. O. box rent, etc..	5 44
June 4	77	Seymour Foster, P. M. for stamps.....	3 00
June 11	78	Citizens Telephone Co. for use of Asst. Adjt. Gen. Wyckoff.....	6 55
June 11	79	Frank McElroy, Patriotic Instructor.....	6 60
June 13	80	Asst. Adjt. Gen. Wyckoff, first half of June salary.....	33 30
June 14	81	Allen Printing Co. as per enclosed statements.....	8 50
June 14	82	Asst. Adjt. Gen. Wyckoff, per capita tax for delinquent posts to be transferred to general fund.....	3 00
Total.....			\$2,263 14

The Officer of the Day announced that Commander-in-chief was at the outpost.

Commander Stone: Comrades the Commander-in-chief is present and he will be received with the honor due his exalted station:

Comrades: I have the honor and the pleasure of presenting to you the Commander-in-chief who will address you for a few moments. He expects to speak at the campfire this evening and I simply insisted upon his saying a few words. He believes as I do, business before pleasure. He said he wanted us to go on with the business. I told him we wanted to hear a word from him.

(Cheers.)

Commander-in-chief Trimble: Commander and comrades of the Department of Michigan. It is a great pleasure to meet you this afternoon and I will not detain you with any extended remarks. Just a word in reference to some of our Grand Army matters because possibly I will not have the opportunity to say that word again. I will say a word about the passage of our late pension law which you are all interested in. Of course all over the country we have different ideas about pensions, in my judgment the pension law that has been framed and passed by Congress is the best pension law ever framed in this or any other country.

The committee of the Grand Army of the Republic is entitled to the gratitude of the comrades of our Order. They had a difficult, complicated proposition to meet. They met it with courage, they met it with wisdom, they met it with great diplomacy and brought the two ends of those bills that were fifty million of dollars apart, together and secured a pension law that is equitable between the comrades of our organization and at the same time within the means of the government. Not so much as some of us expected but after all it was the opinion without difference of the committee that if we passed a law or secured a law to be passed that would cause the government to issue bonds to pay the pensions that the newspapers of the country would hammer the organization to death just as rapidly as they could. And they would have done it. So much for that proposition. That committee did as wisely as was possible to do, secured as great an increase of pension as was possible to secure.

In my judgment it will amount to between twenty-nine and thirty millions of dollars although the newspapers have reported it at twenty-six million and it has increased the pension of every man upon the roll and I believe that no committee of the Grand Army ever performed their task any better than your pension committee of this year.

The question of incorporation of the Grand Army of the Republic has been agitated for a long time. The report made at the Rochester Encampment was disagreed to, the consideration of the matter postponed until the next National Encampment. We all have opinions about that. The real wise thing for us to do is to lay our prejudice aside and to determine that matter upon practical lines. To incorporate the G. A. R. in a manner that will take one particle of the power from any Post or from any Department or from the National organization of the G. A. R. is absolutely contrary to the view of those whom I believe to be the wisest men in our organization. To leave it unincorporated is, in the opinion as I have learned it from a great many of our wise comrades, just as bad. We need an incorporation for the purpose of giving us a legal identity with all the powers left according to our rules and regulations, the rules and regulations to be a part, not in extenso but a part by reference to the articles of incorporation themselves, with provisions in the charter that when the G. A. R. amends its rules and regulations the old rule shall cease to be a part of the articles of incorporation and the new rule shall become a part of those articles. That all the power in the National organization and in the departments to be exercised in exactly the same manner that they have been exercised for forty years and more and when it is incorporated in that manner it is like any other non-profitable and voluntary organization, exercising all its powers within its own respective bodies from Post to National encampment in the same manner that we have lived under the rules and regulations for more than forty years. Why do we need it? Simply because it is deemed wise to accumulate a fund, a permanent fund which is now in the neighborhood of thirty-six or seven thousand dollars to meet the demands of the Grand Army in years to come when the income itself will not be sufficient to pay the current expenses of this organization that extends all over the country. Now, comrades just a word more. This body of our comrades, like all our other bodies are growing old. We call each other boys, and that would be all right too, if it was not for the fact that so many of us part our hair in the middle. You are boys in spirit, you are living in the present; we indulge sometimes in reminiscences, but yet I find in going about the country the members of the G. A. R. are thinking of the present and of the future of this republic. Your victory in war was of more import to human rights and human liberty than all the struggling of the Anglo-saxon race for freedom had accomplished in ten centuries that preceded it. But great as your victory was in war, your victories in peace and your accomplishments in peace have been as patriotic as was your service during that mighty struggle. Wherever institutions of learning are to be established, and charities, and great enterprises, churches and schools and all that sort of thing, if you would look around to ascertain who was behind those movements, you would find a half a dozen or more comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. And it is a matter of great pride with me—more pride I take in that fact than of the little service it

was my duty to render during the war itself. So we are living in the present—I would rather live a half decade in the living, active, pulsating present where things are done, than to live two or three decades in the reminiscences of the war, or in any reminiscences, however glorious they might be—and so we are living in the present and looking to the future, and we are looking to the time when we shall all lay off the harness of active work, and we hope to do that only when we can know that the future of this great republic is secured for the years and decades and the centuries to come.

Comrade Bell, Post 10: I want to ask the Commander-in-chief if he would interpret this clause of the pension bill which has become a matter of discussion among the old boys more than the whole bill, and I think this would be as good a time as any to call your attention to it. "Any civil war veteran who served _____ for any term may on proof of present incapability for labor due to wounds, diseases— shall be pensioned at the maximum rate." Now to what extent must he be disabled, that is what I would like to be informed.

Commander-in-chief: That is a question that I cannot answer, comrade. I can only answer what has been the policy of the pension bureau, that if the comrade was wounded—that is a comrade was diseased, that if for any reason he is now incapable of manual labor, I think the degrees of incapacity to perform labor in the administration of this law will be practically abolished. Now, heretofore and particularly under the law of '90 that clause and that pension law has been interpreted with grades of disability, quarter, half, two-thirds, three-fourths, etc., and those who were disabled a small or a large amount according to the degree of disability. I think that interpretation of this law will not be made, but that if a man is incapable of manual labor to an ordinary degree for a man of his age, that he will get the highest pension provided for by the law.

Comrade Bell: I think that is a most important question.

Commander Stone: The Commander-in-chief is not here to discuss these questions, and my opinion is that never can be decided until each individual case comes up. I have told comrades where I have been asked that question as I have said here that it is coming so fast that I don't think it will be a great while before we will all get all the pensions we are entitled to, and I believe that is the policy of the government that has given us the greatest pension bill we ever had.

Comrade Janes, Post 384: Comrades, that clause in the act just read by the comrade is a reenactment of the law of March 3, 1883. March 3, 1883, a law was enacted saying this, that any soldier honorably discharged, who received wounds or disabilities incurred in line of duty to the extent that it disables him from the performance of manual labor, would receive a pension of thirty dollars a month. Now, that is just the language virtually of this act. Nothing new. I have many inquiries by letter and by person as to the construction of that clause. As stated by the Commander-in-chief, that is a matter of construction by the Bureau of pensions, and each case will undoubtedly be settled on its own merits. But those of you who take the National Tribune may have noticed in the last issue that the Commissioner of Pensions has set forth in a circular what will be required under that clause of the Act. That will require medical evidence to show extent of the disability, whether from wounds

or from disease that incapacitates him from manual labor and then will be sent before the Board of Medical Examiners to determine that question. I consider from his statement that nothing will be taken into consideration in determining the degree of inability to perform manual labor only as it refers to the disability that you may allege; that age and other disabilities will not be considered—that is my interpretation of the statement as made by the commissioner of pensions as published in the National Tribune.

Commander Stone: The next order of business will be the report of the Department Inspector.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

Port Huron, Michigan, June 18, 1912.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic:

Comrade: In obedience to the requirements of the rules and regulations, I herewith submit the following report:

Soon after the encampment at Ypsilanti, I received from Department Commander Stone a commission as Department Inspector. I accepted the same and held myself in readiness to obey all orders received from him. A few days later he informed me that he had decided not to order a general inspection, believing the benefits derived would not warrant the expense necessary to make such inspection, as but few of the Posts would be benefitted and most of the comrades did not care for much red tape these days.

The Inspector heartily concurred in this decision. However, I have had the honor of being a member of his staff, for which I sincerely thank him. I have attended several camp fires and the National Encampment as a member of his official staff.

Yours in F. C. and L.,
ALBERT DUNHAM,
Department Inspector.

Comrade Spaulding, Post 20: I move that the report of the Inspector be accepted and adopted. Seconded.

Commander Stone: It is moved and seconded that the report of the Inspector be accepted and adopted. Are you ready for the question.

Motion put and carried.

Commander: The next order of business will be the report of the Chief of Staff who has no report to make.

The next will be the report of the committee that visited the Soldiers' Home. That report will have to be read by the Adjutant, as the committee are not present.



FRANK R. CHASE
Chief of Staff



ALBERT DUNHAM
Department Inspector

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO VISIT THE SOLDIERS' HOME.

Port Huron, Mich., June 18th, 1912.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan
Grand Army of the Republic:

Dear Comrade: Your committee that was appointed by the Department Commander to visit the Soldiers' Home at Grand Rapids, beg leave to submit the following: On the 25th day of April, 1912, we visited the Home, being accompanied by the Department Commander, on the arrival of the committee at the Pantlind Hotel in Grand Rapids, where they were called to meet, they at once phoned the Home, and notified him that they would visit the Home at once, on our arrival there we were met and welcomed by the Commander and Adjutant—accompanied by the Commandant we first visited the Women's Annex Building, we went through all the quarters or rooms, talked with the ladies, and found them all comfortable, happy and satisfied. We found the laundry and kitchen as neat and clean as you will find them in the best hotels in Michigan. The ice boxes were stored with the best quality of creamery butter, cheese, and all kinds of meats as fresh and clean as you will find in any hotel in Grand Rapids. We had proof of the manner of cooking and serving the food, when we visited the dining room while they were eating supper, the quantity, quality and variety surprised us. Having completed the inspection of the Women's Building, the Commandant not wishing to embarrass the comrade in answering our questions, turned us over to the Sergeants of each company, we visited every room at the home in which our comrades are quartered, and shook hands with each one, told them our mission, and asked them if they had any grievance, if they were treated well, had plenty to eat, and if they were well satisfied. Not one comrade in the Home registered a complaint, and as a whole they had kind remarks to make in regard to their appreciation, of the comforts that were provided for them. We visited every room in the basement, even the guard house, it was empty—but it had a familiar look to some of the committee, we found the toilet rooms and bath rooms neat and clean and sanitary. We visited the morgue, the chapel and the cemetery, while it brought sadness to your committee, we were glad to know that our comrades were so well cared for after they had answered to their last roll call. The saddest of all was our visit to the hospital. We were escorted through this building by the Commandant and Dr. Hazelman, a young man that is loved, from the appearance by every comrade and woman in the hospital, he had a kind word for all, called them by their given names, patted them on their heads, and they in return would look at him and smile, then they would tell us how kind he was, and how he was helping them, but when we saw those old comrades and women, with white hair, suffering with all the diseases that flesh is heir to, waiting, expecting and knowing that the muster-out day was near at hand, it carried us back to 1861, and we could not make it seem possible that they were the boys and girls we knew then. The kitchen, the food, the laboratory, and in fact everything pertaining

to the hospital, looked to us as if it was up to date, it was a marvel to us to find it so perfect. We visited every room in the building, and we met every member, comrades and ladies—we then went through the tunnels connecting the buildings and closed our inspection in the main building, by going through the Quartermaster's Department, the Commissary Department made us think we were in a wholesale grocery and provision house, it was stocked with a variety of the best of everything in that line, and an abundance of it. The Clothing Department is well stocked, and comrade Charles C. Phillips, the Quartermaster is the right man in the right place.

The first evening we spent at the Home, the comrades and the ladies filled the concert hall, which has a capacity for seating 600 people, the Department Commander delivered an address, and was followed by each member of the committee, following the speaking they held a concert, the program consisting of music from a Victrola which cost \$500 and moving pictures, which are both owned by the State, and used to entertain the old comrades and the ladies, one would judge from the way they laughed, and clapped their hands, that they were all boys once more, we also heartily enjoyed it.

CONSOLIDATED DAILY MORNING REPORT OF MICHIGAN SOLDIERS' HOME—
25TH DAY OF APRIL 1912.

Present for duty, 795; sick in hospital, 147; total, 942; absent with leave, 282; without leave, 19; total present and absent, 1,243; Woman's building, for duty, 99; sick in hospital, 38; present, 137; absent with leave, 34; total membership, 171; total present this date, men, 942; women, 137; total, 1,079; total membership this date, men, 1,243; women, 171; total, 1,414.

The per capita cost of clothing for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1911, \$19.31. The amount expended for clothing for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1911, \$17,605.28.

Total number of deaths recorded since the establishment of the Home, 2,035 men and 164 women; total number buried in cemetery at the Home, June 30th, 1911, 1,309 men and 62 women; members buried in other cemeteries, 726 men and 82 women; total number buried in Home cemetery for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1911, men 87, women 9.

The greatest number present has been in the winter of 1912, which was 1,152 men and 158 women.

We cannot in closing this report say too much in regard to the courteous manner in which we were received by Commandant Wm. H. McGurrin, and his estimable wife, also Adjutant Charles C. Coffin (who is a comrade), who furnished us with the statistics, and one all he could to give us information in regard to the Home.

Mrs. Sara L. Brown, the Matron of the Women's Building, was absent the day we visited the Women's Building, the Commandant with Mrs. Brown's daughter, escorted us through the Women's annex, your committee was very much pleased with the management by the Matron.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHAS. S. WILSON,
WM. H. MASON,
O. G. HUBBARD,

Committee.

Comrade O'Mara, Post 1: I am a member of the Soldiers Home and I take great pleasure in endorsing every word of that report, every part. I move its adoption. Seconded.

Motion put and carried.

Commander Stone: We are almost through with our regular business pertaining to reports and I want to say to you that the Young Ladies from the Daughters of G. A. R. Fortress are waiting, and if there are no objections I will appoint a committee to wait on them and escort them in. It is a hard committee to appoint. I would like to be on that committee myself, but I want to say to you that I want good looking, young men and I will appoint Comrades E. C. Anthony, Frederick Schneider, Charles P. Coffin for the pleasant duty. Now that committee will retire to the ante room and escort the young ladies in.

Commander Stone: Comrades, this is a committee from Gen. Williams Fortress, of Detroit, of the Daughters of the G. A. R., and I will introduce to you their Commander, Mrs. Welsh.

Mrs. Welch: Commander Stone and Comrades. As the Commander of the Detroit Fortress, I bring you greetings from the Daughters of the G. A. R. Since your last convention we have doubled our membership; we are growing fast. Our membership includes all daughters and grand-daughters of honorably discharged union soldiers and sailors, and we will not be satisfied until we have every one of your daughters and your comrades daughters with us. A little sentence from our obligation will show you how we feel towards you: As you, our fathers, stood shoulder to shoulder on the battlefield, so shall we stand together to perpetuate your memory and cause the generations yet unknown to rise up in their day and call our fathers blessed.

Commander Stone: I now introduce you to the Senior Vice, Mrs. Boggs.

Mrs. Boggs: Comrades of the Grand Army: I cannot tell you how happy I am to be here and greet you all, and I also bring greetings from all our girls; I know they will be very sorry they cannot all be here to meet you. I do not know that I can add much to what has been said by my good comrade Welch. I hope you will talk to your daughters and get them interested. We would like to have a fortress in every town, and every daughter come with us, and I hope next year that we may have other fortresses here to greet you.

Commander Stone: Comrades, this lady you remember. She needs no introduction to you. She is the daughter of our Past Commander Samuel Lawrence. She is the daughter that helped make him Department Commander.

Mrs. Marks: Comrades: None of you know what a pleasure it is for me to stand here today. A year ago I thanked you for electing my father your Department Commander. This year I want to thank you for the honor we had, and an honor we surely deem it, of acting as escort to your Department Commander.

Commander Stone: In behalf of this Department and I think I utter the sentiment of every comrade—if I do not, they are wrong—I believe every member hopes and I believe the Sons of Veterans hope that you will be successful—more successful in your first start than they were, but I believe they are coming ahead now, that they are going to come out ahead, and I know you will. We thank you for this visit.

A Comrade: I move we give them a rising vote of thanks. Seconded.

Commander Stone: You have heard the motion. All in favor signify by rising.

A Comrade: Let's give three cheers for the girls.

(Cheers.)

Commander Stone: The next order of business would be the report of the Legislative committee but I wish to say as the legislature did not have anything but a special session, there was nothing we could do and there was nothing done, so we have no report to make. The report of the committee on resolutions. Chairman Janes will now report as chairman of that committee.

Comrade Janes: Commander and Comrades. The duty assigned to me in connection with the other members of the committee is not a very pleasant one. I want to say that no comrade of this Department will be missed more at our gatherings annually in our post rooms and in civil life than our dear departed Past Commander, C. V. R. Pond, and so as chairman I will report the views of the committee in the following preamble and resolutions:

To the Commander and Comrades of the Department of Michigan,
G. A. R.:

Your committee appointed to prepare Memorial Resolutions on the death of Past Department Commander, Cornelius Van Ranst Pond, submit their report as follows:

Comrade Cornelius Van Ranst Pond was born May 30, 1836, at Auburn, New York, and departed this life at Lansing, Mich., June 9, 1912, aged 76 years and ten days. He attended Gray Lock Seminary and Williams College, Mass. After leaving college he located in Hartford, Conn., and engaged in the hardware business. Soon after the outbreak of the Civil War, in 1861, he disposed of his business and engaged in recruiting for the service and was commissioned 1st Lieutenant and Quartermaster in the 12th Connecticut Vol. Infantry, serving under General Benjamin F. Butler, in the department of the Gulf. For a time he was on detached duty in the Quartermaster General's Department at New Orleans, La. In 1866 he came to Michigan with his family locating at Coldwater, and later at Quincy, where he engaged in the hardware business. In 1878 he disposed of his business and established the Quincy Herald, a paper that he published for several years. In 1879 he was appointed by President Hayes, Postmaster at Quincy, Mich. In 1885 he served the State as Commissioner of Labor, under Gov. Russell A. Alger, and in 1894 was appointed Chief Clerk in the Office of the Secretary of State under Comrade Washington Gardner. For several years immediately preceding his death he was in the service of the Federal Government connected with the Postoffice Department.

Grand Army Record: Comrade Pond was a charter member of the C. O. Loomis Post, No. 2, G. A. R., at Quincy, Mich., and was such member at his death. The Grand Army of the Republic as originally organized, having surrendered its charter in this State on April 12, 1878, by special order No. 8, from National Headquarters of the G. A. R., Comrade Pond was appointed Commander of the Provisional Department of Michigan, and at the first Department Encampment, held at

Grand Rapids, Michigan, January 22, 1879, he was elected Department Commander, and at the time of his death was the Senior Past Department Commander. In 1881 he was elected Junior Vice Commander-in-chief at the National Encampment held at Indianapolis, Indiana. He served this Department as its Assistant Adjutant General from 1892 to 1901, inclusive.

In the various stations of civic life Comrade Pond was always a prominent figure. He was honored and respected by the people of this State as is evidenced by the many positions of trust that he held, which he filled with credit to himself, the State and the Federal Government.

As a Grand Army Comrade there was no one more loyal, more devoted to the interests of his Comrades, than Past Department Commander Pond. Taking hold of this Department as Provisional Commander, he gave it all his zeal and energy to its rebuilding, even to the spending of hundreds of dollars from his private means to the re-establishing of the G. A. R. in this State.

Brave and honorable, faithful and patriotic, his life was a model for a true citizen and a loyal soldier; therefore,

Whereas, Comrade Cornelius Van Ranst Pond has responded to the last call of our supreme Commander for the night of repose until the morning reveille awakens the "bivouac of the dead."

Resolved, That the Department of Michigan G. A. R., sensibly feels the parting of the ties of comradeship which so many years have united our Comrades with the deceased in "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty," and realizes that "the days are swiftly passing by" and that it will not be long ere we shall meet again.

That we deeply sympathize with the family of our deceased Comrade, and extend to them our heartfelt condolences. That a copy of this report and resolutions be furnished the family of the deceased.

O. A. JANES,
E. C. CANNON,
C. F. POTTER.

Committee.

Comrade Petit, Post 98: I move the adoption of this report of resolutions on Comrade Pond by a rising vote of this Encampment. Seconded. Motion put and carried unanimously.

Commander Stone: Comrade Ives as chairman of the committee on resolutions on the death of Comrade Root will make a report.

Comrade Ives read the following report:

In Memory of Dr. Wm. W. Root, late Medical Director, Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic.

Wm. W. Root was born at Cato, N. Y., June 28, 1837, and passed out of this life April 21st, 1912.

Dr. Root graduated from the medical department of the Michigan University in 1862, and after a few months practice in his native state, he entered the military service of the U. S., Aug. 19, 1862, as Assistant Surgeon of the 75th N. Y. Vol. Infantry. He was shortly after promoted to surgeon with the rank of Major. At the date of his muster-out he had to his credit three years and two months active service in

the field and the proud distinction of never having been off duty for a single day, a most remarkable record indeed.

Returning to civil life he took up his residence in the city of Mason, Ingham county, Mich., and entered vigorously upon the practice of his chosen profession, and this he followed to the day of his death.

Dr. Root was a manly man of generous impulses, a loyal Grand Army Comrade and a good friend. Public spirited to a marked degree, always interested in any project looking to the moral or financial betterment of his adopted city.

Three times he was chosen Mayor. He also at various times filled the office of supervisor—serving as chairman of the board. For 9 years he was a member of the school board and at the time of his death was serving his second term as a member of the county superintendents of the poor, and secretary of the board. He also served one term as a member of the lower house in the State Legislature. In all his public business relations he was painstaking and methodical.

For several years Dr. Root served this Department faithfully and well as Medical Director. He loved the exactness, pomp and maneuvering of military and always entered into it with the true spirit of a soldier. Whether on foot in line or mounted at the head of the column his was a conspicuous figure. Physically he was easily the largest man in the Department. His average weight being 325 pounds.

It has been written we owe nothing to the dead but truth—with them flattery or criticism alike pass unheeded.

The time will never come when men of the type of Dr. Root will not be respected and honored. Charity and benevolence knew him well. A man of his qualities would be a helpful factor in any community. I have known him intimately for nearly half a century, we had many things in common. During all the years of our acquaintance we were members of the same church, we belonged to the same political party, were charter members of Steele Bros. Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and too in our army service we bore equal rank. For many years we have been companions in attendance upon State and National Encampments. I shall—I do miss him greatly. In many ways he was my next friend. His taking off was a shock to the entire community—scarcely was he missed from the street when the word was passed along Dr. Root is dead. Death held no terrors for him and it will hold none for us if we live as he lived. The angel who came to him so suddenly so unexpectedly was to him, verily the angel of life. He died as he had lived, true to himself, his friends, his God.

The death of his devoted wife some time since was a loss to which he never became fully reconciled. His funeral obsequies were unique, in that half a dozen of his personal friends were given an opportunity to speak of him as his life had impressed itself upon them. Your Department Commander Stone being of the number.

The words of the poet may well be applied to our fast depleting ranks:

Men drop so fast ere life's midage we tread
Few know so many friends alive, as dead.

It has been said the fame and honor of no man is safe this side of the grave. The honor of our Comrade and friend is secure.

Commander, we do well to pause for a few brief moments, to pay tribute to one so worthy as our departed Comrade.

Dear Comrades, may we not after all believe that notwithstanding all our dogmas, doubts, and fears, there is a life beyond where all burdens shall be lifted and parting shall be unknown, a life where all the love and hope that have slipped away from us here, shall be given back again—given back forever.

L. H. IVES,
URIAH LAZELL,
ROBERT FINCH.
Committee.

Comrade Cady, Post 17: I move that the report be adopted by a rising vote. Seconded.

Motion put and carried unanimously.

Commander Stone: The report of the chairman of the committee on Special Legislation. As I understand it that committee dies now unless this Encampment continues it; I should recommend the continuation.

Comrade Schneider: I want to just offer a brief report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GENERAL INDEX OF MICHIGAN SOLDIERS' RECORDS OF CIVIL WAR.

Port Huron, Mich., June 19, 1912.

To the Department Encampment of Mich. G. A. R. held at Port Huron, Mich.:

Assistant Adjutant General, Fayette Wyckoff: Dear Sir—The Committee on General Index of Michigan Soldiers' Records, which was continued indefinitely at Ypsilanti Encampment, beg leave to report, that your committee has found no opportunity to again present the subject to the legislature as no regular session of that body has since been held, and will not be until next January; we therefore request that the same committee be continued by this Encampment until some definite action on the subject can be obtained from the next Legislature.

Respectfully,
F. SCHNEIDER.

Chairman of Legislative Com. of General Index of Soldiers' Records.

Comrade Schneider: I move the adoption of this report.
Seconded.

Commander Stone: You have heard the motion. All in favor say aye, contrary no. The motion is carried. The report is adopted.

Comrade Chase, Post 126: Your committee appointed to visit the Woman's Relief Corps brings back to you the greetings of the Woman's Relief Corps.

It is most wonderful, comrades, how we are getting along. If we went at things in shape and did not have more than an hour or two of new business, we could elect our officers and go home if we proceed as rapidly as we have already. We are up to new business. There is one

report, the report of the Executive Committee. Comrade Davis you are chairman of that committee. Is there any report?

Comrade Davis, Post 10: I have the report, it has not been read.

Comrade Devlin, Post 443: I desire at this time to make a motion that the Department go to the election of officers at 9:30 tomorrow morning. Seconded.

Commander Stone: Comrade Devlin makes the motion that the election of officers be set for a special order at 9:30 tomorrow morning. Is the motion seconded?

Seconded.

Are you ready for the question. Motion put and carried.

Commander Stone: If Comrade Davis will come forward and make his report we will finish up to new business with the exception of the report to come in on resolutions.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Port Huron, June 18, 1912.

Commander: Your Executive Committee have audited the books and vouchers of both the Assistant Adjutant General and the Quartermaster General find them separately and collectively correct. Balance on hand in the hands of Assistant Quartermaster General \$4,456.95, all of which is respectfully submitted.

R. B. DAVIS,
H. SPAULDING,
GEO. RAAB,
Committee.

Comrade Petit: I want to make a motion before this assembly before so many of our comrades leave the hall.

Commander Stone: It is early in the afternoon. We are not straining ourselves hard during these sessions, and I do hope the comrades will remain here. There are important matters to come up, the Commander-in-Chief has a few more words to say to you, and if you will refrain from other business he will speak now, if you will withdraw your motion for the present.

Comrade Petit. I will.

GETTYSBURG SEMI-CENTENNIAL.

Commander in-Chief: It occurred to me before I came in here that I ought to say something, but forgot to do it, about the celebration of the semi-centennial of the battle of Gettysburg, July 1, 2, 3, and 4 in 1913. That will be a great celebration. A great many states have made appropriations—Wisconsin I think, leading, and a great many more will make appropriations to send all the comrades who participated in that



HENRY SPAULDING
Member of C. of A.

battle to that celebration at the expense of the state. You will find it will not take so much money as you might suppose, and it will be a great celebration. It is hoped that those who fought us on the other side fifty years ago will be there in large numbers. A very patriotic response has already been made at their annual encampment in Macon, Georgia, on the 8th day of May in answer to a letter which I wrote to the Commander-in-Chief of the Confederate Veterans on that subject and it was adopted and resolutions very patriotic passed by that Encampment by an almost unanimous vote, 2,145 to 2. And I hope that just as many of the comrades as can do so will attend that reunion and that you will see to it that the Legislature of Michigan—and I think they will not object to doing it will pay the expenses of all those who participated in that battle, to that celebration. You know you had a Cavalry brigade in that battle from Michigan, that did a great service there when they stopped Stewart from supporting Pickett's charge.

Another thing about the National Encampment. Our comrades and the city of Los Angeles are making great preparations for that Encampment and it will be in my judgment one of the delightful events of our later lives to go to Los Angeles and see how patriotic those people are out among the mountains.

Comrade Petit: The motion I am about to make is this, that our delegates to the National Encampment be instructed to use their best endeavors that the Sons of Veterans may become part of us. If we are going to be incorporated let us insist upon that being one of the articles. Your sons, my sons, our nephews when they were called upon by this country assembled to the defense of the country. Why should not the time come when they can be one of us. We are nearly through.

Seconded.

Commander Stone: Do I understand the comrade is making a motion here to bind our delegates to do this, or only a suggestion.

Comrade Petit: Use their best endeavors.

Commander Stone: You do not put that as anything that would bind anyone?

Comrade Petit: I would not expect to bind them if it was against the good of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander Stone: What I am getting at is—the suggestion is a good one to get the sentiment or feeling here but what I would like to know is whether it was binding us to do that or not.

Comrade Petit: I would expect it would be binding on them, if sent by this delegation. We demand of them to use their best endeavors. If it is in any way going to interfere with the Grand Army of the Republic I would be the last one to make such a motion.

Commander Stone: Well, it is my duty as Commander—I should call the Senior Vice Commander to the chair here—I shall let this pass—you have heard the motion, the resolution offered by Comrade Petit. Are you ready for the question.

Comrade: I wish you would state the motion.

Comrade Janes: I do not understand myself just the extent and the meaning of the comrade's motion, to admit them to meetings of the Grand Army of the Republic or to take them in as members of the G. A. R.

Comrade Petit: As members.

Comrade Janes: Then you have got to amend your whole rules and regulations and your ritual.

Comrade Petit: Then let us do it; we have got through with the red tape—

Comrade Janes: You are entering into a very broad subject. That has been discussed time and time again in the National Encampment. Of course, the question is, you have got to change it entirely because they cannot say they served from 1861 to 1865 or to such a date. Of course if it was to admit them to meetings, the same as they admit us to their meetings it is a different proposition, but the Sons of Veterans are coming along—they are not yet strong in Michigan, but I want to say if not strong in Michigan they are strong in other states and they become the help-meet of the Grand Army of the Republic like the Woman's Relief Corps and the Ladies of the G. A. R., and when the Grand Army of the Republic does die, they take up the work that we lay down. I cannot see why we should reorganize, but to encourage them as an organization, go and encourage them and talk with them, they will become the burden bearers for us if we will but encourage them, if we will encourage our sons to join them and our daughters to join the daughters of the G. A. R., and they will perpetuate our memory, the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic when the Grand Army of the Republic ceases to exist.

Comrade Raab: This society is a society of the Grand Army of the Republic; it is not a society of the Grand Army man's sons; there is a society of that nature in existence in the State of Michigan and we don't want to cheapen the Grand Army of the Republic, a society that is unique in the history of the world. When the last of us are gone, that is the end of it. We do not want to take ours sons in with us. If you want to give them the privilege of visiting us in our meetings that is all right, I have no objection to that, but to incorporate them into our membership, why, it is preposterous. We are unique as a society, we are the Grand Army of the Republic that fought to save this country. Our sons did not. How can you embody our sons in our Order with our present laws, rules and regulations. It cannot be done. I am totally opposed to anything of that kind. I have two boys. I want them to join the Sons of Veterans, but I will be hanged if I want them to be members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrade Devlin: I desire to say to the Comrades of this Department, that this matter is a matter that has been discussed in the National Convention for a number of years, and as Col. Janes has pointed out, to accomplish what seems to be the purport of this resolution you would have to revolutionize your rules and regulations and laws. The Sons of Veterans are all right as they are. The Grand Army of the Republic has a qualification that provides that you must have seen service and be able to produce a discharge from the United States to become a member. To change that would require the revolutionizing of the Grand Army of the Republic, and I don't believe it is good policy or good sense upon the part of this Department to instruct its delegation to the National Encampment to even introduce or to mention a proposition of that kind. I believe that this great Grand Army of the Republic when its last member goes out after having performed his service, that the organization ought to pass out of existence. I believe that the sons

and daughters of this great organization ought to from that time hence go out and perpetuate the memory of those who served their country, but to take them up and say that they should be part and parcel and become members of the Grand Army of the Republic—no, a thousand times no.

Comrade Petit: I would like to speak just a word, as I made this motion. I have never been accused of lacking anything in common sense because I might differ from some man who possibly has not got a child of his own. My sons went to Cuba. My nephew went to Cuba, my brother-in-law went to Cuba. I organized the company that went to Cuba and I stand just as near to that company today as I do to the members of the Grand Army of the Republic and I have yet to say to a Comrade, you haven't got sense because you offered a resolution or a motion anywhere. Now then, your sons, my sons, when the country called for men fell over themselves to enlist. They had to go and we had to shut them off. Whose example were they following. Their father's. Whose memory did they want to perpetuate. Their father's. Now, if you are ashamed to have that kind of a man a member of the Grand Army of the Republic you had better hide your head.

Comrade Mayo, Post 166: I move this resolution lie on the table.

Commander Stone: I recognized Comrade Dean before he got up on the floor to speak. You remember Comrade Dean is pretty well along in years and instead of rising up and standing to be recognized, he asked me to recognize him and I did. If there is no objection we will hear from Comrade Dean.

Comrade Dean, Post 137: I haven't got any boys, but I have got a Camp of Sons of Veterans named after me, so you see they like me—I like them, I love them. I love them next to these old fellows and I don't think if I had a boy I would want him admitted to this Grand Army of the Republic, which represents a set of men who served in defense of the Union from 1861 to 1865, and have him wear a badge, which, when he marched along would make him a fraud. Now, I want to say to you that the Sons of Veterans are stirring things up in this country, they are stirring them up in other states and I know the men that went to Cuba and the sons that did not go to Cuba, the Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic will take care of our memory—I want them to take care of our memory, but not parade as one of us. That is all I have got to say.

Comrade Mayo, Post 166: I will change my motion. I believe we know what we want to do with this question just as well now as we will if we discuss it an hour longer, and in order to get at the question, *I move the previous question.* That will put it to vote. Seconded.

Commander Stone: Are you ready for the previous question, no more debate on the subject. The motion was that we instruct our delegates to use their best endeavors that the Sons of Veterans should be admitted as members of the Grand Army. Now the previous question is called for.

Comrade Saraw, Post 53: I move we lay it upon the table.

(Cries of no, no, from the delegates.)

Comrade: A motion to lay on the table is not in order after the previous question has been called.

Commander Stone: Shall the previous question be now put. All those in favor say aye. Opposed no.

Comrade Mayo: I think that the Comrades do not understand the question; it is to vote on the resolution offered by Comrade Petit.

Commander Stone: I have stated it two or three times. Shall the main question be now put. That cuts off debate. Are you ready for the question.

Comrade Mayo: The previous question is, shall we vote on the main question.

Commander Stone: The motion made by Comrade Petit, Sanborn Post No. 98, was that the delegates to the National Encampment should use every influence to make the Sons of Veterans Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, is that a fair statement of it?

Comrade Petit: That is right, sir.

The motion was put and declared lost.

Comrade Warren, Post 210: Department Commander: I desire to offer a resolution calling upon this Department to honor itself by honoring a member of the Department. Twenty-four years ago the Department of Michigan presented to the National Encampment the name of one of our generals and one of our Comrades as Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. I ask you today to endorse the candidacy of one from the ranks. I was selected to offer this resolution, not because of my personality or my fitness for the duty, but because I have the honor of being Commander of the Post to which belongs the Comrade whose name appears in the resolution. Because at a meeting of that Post, the largest attended meeting held by the Post during the last six years of its existence, we unanimously endorsed the candidacy of our Comrade. The resolution I will now read. "Resolved, By the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, in Encampment assembled, that it endorse Comrade Washington Gardner for Commander-in-Chief, and instruct its delegates and representatives to the National Encampment to use all honorable means to secure his election." I move the adoption of the resolution. Motion seconded.

Commander Stone: You have heard the resolution read and have heard the motion. Are you ready for the question?

Commander Stone called Past Department Commander O. A. Janes to the chair.

Comrade Janes: Are you ready for the question?

Commander Stone: It is a pretty hard matter for the Commander to have to leave his chair in order to address this Encampment, but I want to say to you that if that resolution binds me as a Past Commander to go to Los Angeles and support Washington Gardner for Commander-in-Chief, I cannot do it; I have been placed in the hardest position I have ever been put in in a convention of any kind. I don't think it is right. I have traveled over this State. I have heard that same kind of talk, and I know what I am talking about, and I am astonished that you should sit there and hold your seats and compel me to get up here and make this fight. I have got lots of reasons, you have got lots of reasons. I don't want to state them unless I have to. I am sorry this came in, and it never should have come in here, if that resolution binds me as your Past Commander to go there and vote for Wash-

ington Gardner I say I will not do it, and I have always sworn to stand by the Department of Michigan and I will in everything but that, and to support Washington Gardner I will not do it. I had been told that it would not come here and it ought not to have come here. A man that will refuse to be bound by Michigan when he is is a representative in Congress must not come and ask me to be bound for him. And I want to say to you Comrades,—we won't go into personalities—I stand here undisputedly a Comrade, undisputedly a Grand Army man, a Grand Army man that always wears the button, always wears a uniform on duty, never am ashamed to proclaim it to the world. That is the Comrade I like. Now, I am not going to say any more at present, but I simply say that I don't want this Encampment, and I want to say plainly to the people that are asking me, or trying to bind me, when you elected me Commander you never asked me to do a thing that would put aside my manhood. I am not going to. I have been around. I have made other arrangements. Are you going to have me break my word? Here it is within two months of the encampment and you are going to have me come in here and go to those people and say, I have lied to you. I won't do it Comrades, and you should not ask me to do it.

Comrade Wickershaw, Post 166: I move the resolution be laid on the table. Seconded.

Comrade Lawrence, Post 318: I make the point of order that the motion to lay on the table is not in order.

Comrade Janes: I did not recognize the comrade. Comrade Lawrence has the floor.

Comrade Lawrence: I am sorry that any comrade in this Encampment should undertake to imitate the Chicago roller process. Comrades, this resolution has been offered from the Post that Comrade Gardner belongs to. Comrade Gardner was on the committee that worked at Washington on the present pension bill in an out of sleep. The other states, to my knowledge, while at Rochester came forward and offered themselves to Washington Gardner, our comrade, for Commander-in-Chief. It is an honor that any of us might be proud of. Is this Encampment going to turn down a proffered honor that will never come our way again? For God sake, comrades, don't let personalities come in. If there is a man within the hearing of my voice, that will say that Comrade Gardner is not qualified, is not competent for Commander-in-chief then I say that this resolution calls for the endorsement of this Encampment. It does not ask our Commander to bind himself or be bound by it—it asks this Encampment as comrades to endorse Comrade Gardner. And I will appeal to the Commander-in-chief if this man did not work for you and me, appointed on that committee, he did everything that mortal man could do. I believe it is an insult to our comrade if this organization—

Comrade Stone: I call Comrade Lawrence to order. I want to make my point of order. You told me yourself not a year ago you would not support him, and half the things I know, you told me happened at Atlantic City. Now keep to the point.

Comrade Lawrence: I said that personalities should not enter here and I am laying personalities aside.

Comrade Rankin: I rise to a point of order. This motion is not debatable.

Comrade Lawrence: If the purpose is to cut off a square and honest argument in favor of one of our comrades then I will cease.

Comrade Rankin: The question is not debatable. The motion is to lay this on the table.

Comrade Janes: I did not recognize the comrade who made that motion.

Comrade Lawrence: Comrades, I have said enough. When I served you as your Department Commander I served you to the best of my ability, and when I am called to order when I am absolutely right, in the interest of a comrade, I cease.

Comrade Janes: It is with a great deal of regret that a resolution of this character in this Department should not receive the unanimous endorsement of the Department. As has been stated, one of our comrades has aspirations to be Commander-in-chief. As has been stated there is no question in the minds of any comrade as to his ability to fill the high and important office. A man, a comrade who for ten years in the halls of Congress has had that experience, who has got a national reputation among the Grand Army of the Union, is there any question as to his ability. I am not one that will allow any personal feeling to enter into my breast against my comrade. It makes no difference to me what personal animosity, whether there has been any personal feeling, or whether I have felt I have been wronged in the past by a comrade, I have that spirit of toleration within my breast that I will give my aid and support to a comrade who is worthy of receiving it, and I rise for the purpose of disabusing the minds of the comrades of this body and this Department, that there is any personal feeling existing in my breast against comrade Gardner. And if this resolution passes, and I am going to vote for it, and I go to the National Encampment, I will abide by the instructions of this Encampment in that respect.

Comrade Dean: Comrades, I want to endorse all that comrade Janes has said as to personal feeling. I believe it is the duty of every representative of the G. A. R. of the Department of Michigan to obey instructions. I have no personal feeling and nothing but the kindest feeling in the world for comrade Gardner, but this Encampment two years ago instructed its delegation what to do. Comrade Gardner made a motion to disregard the instruction of this Encampment, it was put to a vote, the vote was called, every delegate rose and answered to his name. There were only two present from the delegation from Michigan that violated instructions. One was comrade Gardner and the other I will not mention because he is not here. Now, under those circumstances, I feel just as our Commander does, that I would not want to be instructed to go and do one thing, and perhaps somebody come down there and want me to do contrary.

Comrade Ives, Post 441: I simply wanted to say, we are all comrades. A man is no better when he is dead than when he is living, and I was just thinking that if comrade Gardner had dropped out this year, you could not have appointed a committee on resolutions that would not have exhausted Webster's Dictionary in saying good things about him, and this Encampment would have adopted it. Leaving out all personalities, I know no reason why comrade Gardner should not represent Michi-

gan and succeed to the office of Commander-in-chief. Surely he has been recognized as one of the great leaders of Michigan; an orator to whom there are but few equals and no superiors; whose influence last year at Rochester on the floor of the encampment was equal if not greater than any other man present. He was listened to with closer attention than any other man on his feet in that Encampment, and for my part I hope this Encampment will not turn down comrade Gardner, we cannot afford to do it.

Comrade Cannon: I wish I could say what I want to, but I have not the ability. Any member that ever went to the National Encampment could not help but see that our comrade Gardner had more influence in the National Encampment than the whole of us put together, our comrade Dean not excepted. Now, for us to put up our little personalities against comrade Gardner and not endorse him I do not understand. You all know that there is no other man in this state that we could put forward for Commander-in-chief. We might as well have the honor of the Commander-in-chief and we know, there is not a comrade here but knows that comrade Gardner would represent this state with honor to himself and honor to this Department, and for us to sit around here and put up our little grievances that we have not agreed with comrade Gardner all the while—because he was stronger in the Department than we were—that is the whole thing in a nut shell. I hope the comrades will endorse comrade Gardner for Commander-in-chief.

Comrade Devlin, Post 433: I move the previous question.

Comrade Gardner: During my life I have been out in the atmosphere at times, and would realize that the air did not fill the lungs as it ought, and the clouds have gathered and the thunder would roll and the lightning would flash and then it seemed as if you could not breathe air enough. I am glad my friend Commander Stone has been thundering and lightning this afternoon. Now, I have known for sometime that there was something in the atmosphere, and now I am talking to my Comrades and brothers—I did not know where its home was. Different good Comrades have told me in different parts of the State—You will pardon me, this has become a personal matter—“Gardner cannot carry his own Post.” That has come to me again and again. A man honored by this Department as few men are, told me he had heard that statement made by one member of this Encampment several times. You heard what my Comrade Warren said. The largest meeting for sometime and a unanimous rising vote, and when you can see tears glisten in the eyes of Comrades, you know they mean what they do, and I saw that that day. It has come to me again and again by some Comrade of this Department, “Why Gardner can never carry the Department of Michigan for Commander-in-Chief.” That has gone out over the Order. I don’t know why. The only thing I have ever heard alleged, was alleged on the floor this afternoon that I violated instructions. Let me tell you about that.

I went from the Congress to the Encampment referred to. I was not present at the previous Encampment, as I had not been at quite a number, as some of you may know because of duties elsewhere. I had pledged my vote to a man for Commander-in-chief. I did not know a thing about the instructions at home until we got into the meeting. I had told this man John McElroy, Editor of the National Tribune, and no

better friend of the soldier between the oceans than John McElroy—I told him I would do what I could, and openly and squarely in our delegate meeting I stated the proposition, and when the time came I voted for him. That is my offense. For 17 years I served the State and the Nation. I have made some enemies as such. One man here present, or was last year, told a friend of mine, "I will not support Gardner because he did not appoint a certain man Postmaster." Well, I cannot help that. I did what I believed at the time to be right. The man was a Comrade, but he had traveled the district over again and again to defeat my nomination, and I did not see fit to nominate him for Postmaster as against the man who had done all he could to nominate me when I was elected. Now, there is the situation. What Comrade Stone has, I would be glad to have the indictment read. I am not conscious comrades, of having been false to you, to my state, to my country. I have sought to serve you in the halls of Congress in season and out of season according to my best judgment—not that I have always agreed with some of you. No man has a greater grievance than Oscar Janes. We sat at the same table when we were boys in school; we recited in the same classes, we have been like brothers for more than forty years, and yet there came a time, by the unanimous vote of a committee of which I was a member, of appropriations—I was instructed to present the resolution of the committee to abolish the pension agencies. I either had to do that or to resign my place from the committee, and with President Roosevelt and Commissioner of Pensions it was agreed when we went onto the floor of Congress that there would be but nine agents and the Detroit agency was one of those reserved. President Roosevelt called me again and again into counsel—"We want to reduce those agencies," and I said to him as I had said to the Commissioner of Pensions, "Personally I want to save the Detroit agency if I can among those that are saved" and I told them why. Comrade Janes I think is the only man living, and he did not know it until I was no longer in Congress, who knew these things of which I am speaking to you. And for this I have been maligned among our comrades this state over. There was nothing else for me to do in the position I stood in, and my successor as chairman of the committee Gen. Warren Keifer was forced to do the same thing against his vote and mine. We were both against it, but the committee instructed him to offer it and he either had to do it or resign from the committee. Now, that is the situation. I am glad to be able to state some of these things to you, and if Comrade Stone has anything that he wants to say against me as a Grand Army man I beg him to say it here and now, and if I am not worthy of your confidence and support for Commander-in-chief, do not vote for me here or elsewhere. And I want to say in conclusion that comrade Stone and comrade Dean and any other comrades for that matter who perhaps feel that they cannot vote for me in good conscience, I beg of them not to vote for me. I do not want the vote of any Comrade in this Department who cannot give his heart with his vote.

Comrade Dean: I want to say one word to Comrade Gardner. Comrade Gardner and I have always been friends. I hope we always shall be. I gave my reason. Now, when I was a candidate for Department Commander, Comrade Gardner was a guest at my table. We had another one there who had pledged himself to my opponent, and Comrade Gard-

ner in all playfulness and jollity, as he is filled with, and I like him for it—he says, “I don’t know about a man’s coming here and accepting entertainment of a Comrade and then coming to the Encampment and voting against him. The man’s wife was there—now Comrade Gardner does not know about this, I never blamed him for it—his wife insisted he should take me out and explain it. Well he took me out, and he said to his wife, “Why, Dean understands it, he has not any feeling about that,” but he took me out and explained, and I says “All right, you have promised to support my opponent, it is all right, and if you don’t do it, I won’t think much of you, you keep your word” and Gardner sat at the table and he was presenting my opponent and made a speech for him, and I said “Now Gardner if you don’t go into that convention and make the best speech you ever made in your life for my opponent, don’t you come back here to supper.” Now, that is just the way I feel now.

Comrade Lawrence: I want to correct one statement that Comrade Gardner made. I was then Department Commander; the vote as he says excepting he said he voted for McElroy—McElroy’s name was withdrawn and I gave the unanimous vote of Michigan for Johnnie Gilman.

Comrade Gardner: That is right, I had forgotten it.

Comrade Devlin: I desire to renew my motion that the previous question be put.

Senior Vice Commander Rankin: The previous question is called.

Comrade Dean: The previous question is to cut off debate.

Comrade Rankin: The question before the house is that no further debate be allowed on this question. All in favor of that no more debate be allowed please say aye, contrary no. The motion is carried. Now the motion is on the original indorsement of the resolution as read. Are you ready for the question. The question is on the resolution as introduced by Comrade Warren indorsing Comrade Gardner for Commander-in-Chief.

Motion put and carried.

The officer of the day announced a committee from the Ladies of the G. A. R., in waiting.

Comrade Stone: I will appoint as committee to escort the ladies from the G. A. R. to the platform; Comrade Stevens will act as one of the committee and comrade Spalding and Comrade Porter.

(The committee retired and escorted the ladies to the platform.)

Commander Stone: This is a delegation from the Ladies of the G. A. R. I will first introduce Mrs. Durham, of Jackson.

Mrs. Durham: Commander and Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. It is with deep gratitude that I reflect upon the great honor and extreme pleasure which are mine to bring you the greetings of our Order. The mothers, wives, sisters, daughters and lineal descendants of the veterans of ’61 to ’65, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic assembled in convention here send greetings and grateful welcome to you, the survivors of that never to be forgotten drama of whom so many actors hailed from Michigan. We pray that you may be successful in your Encampment and that you may all return to your homes and dear ones in safety. Deep down in the hearts of every woman is planted an imperishable love of country. Patriotism, another name for

loyalty is that God sent spirit that stirs in the heart of every one at the mere mention of the name of that beloved land they call their country and their home, that spirit which bids us do and die for our country, liberty and right. It is a tie that binds the north and the south, the east and the west in one sweet chain of brotherhood and liberty. As I look into your faces I feel proud that I am the daughter and a widow of two brave men who offered their lives in defense of their country's flag. Veterans are admitted to our Order. They pay no dues or initiation fees. They have no vote but may take part in the exercises of the Order. The sons of veterans are also admitted on the same basis thus making the family circle complete. While we do not work with the woman's relief corps we honor them for the work they are doing for the old soldiers. Before closing I will tell you a story. Of course it is about an Irishman, for where there is fighting to do and wrongs to set right you will always find him there. This Irishman was a new member of one of the regiments while stationed at Nashville. He was detailed on guard duty and it was his first experience in guard mounting and with a full appreciation of the dignity and importance of his position, as a citizen approached he shouted "Halt, who goes there?" "A citizen" was the response. "Advance citizen and give the countersign." I have not the counter-sign and the demand for it at this time and place is something very strange to have to give the counter-sign." "Well, by the Holy Moses you don't pass this way until you say Bunker Hill."

Once more, your wives, sisters, daughters, grand-daughters and nieces send loving and hearty greetings and wish you God-speed in your convention.

Commander Stone: I wish to introduce you to Mrs. Proudfoot, who will address you.

Mrs. Proudfoot: It gives me great pleasure to meet with you once more and you will have to excuse me from saying anything for my heart is too full.

Commander Stone: This lady is Mrs. Buchord, who will now make a few remarks.

Mrs. Buchord: I think our sister has said everything that is necessary and as your time is limited I will not take up your time but I thank you.

Commander Stone: I wish in behalf of the Department in Michigan G. A. R., to thank the Ladies of the G. A. R. for sending this committee over here and I wish to have you return the greetings of this department, the Comrades will escort you from the platform.

The next order of business I consider a very important one and I rather think it should have been attended to before. Now the Adjutant General will call the districts and as he calls them those who are interested will name the place where you want to call a meeting for each district to select delegates to the National Encampment.

Assistant Adjutant General: This Department is entitled to eighteen delegates to the National Encampment at Los Angeles. It has been our custom as you know to elect one delegate from each congressional district. These slips have been prepared so that each district can hold its caucus, that they may select the delegates that they desire to place in nomination for the Encampment and as each district is called will

some one come and get the slip and be sure and be present at the meeting. You proceed to make the announcements for your district meetings.

Comrade Schneider, Post 42: In the report this morning it was announced that a different way of choosing delegates would be suggested by a committee; has that been done?

Commander Stone: Excuse me Comrade Schnider I recommended in my report that a committee be appointed to devise some means by which we could elect delegates in a more fair way than we have been doing for next year. The committee has not reported yet. The committee on my address will make that report in the morning.

Comrade Schneider: I want to ask another question. According to this method of congressional districting we have now thirteen or rather twelve congressional districts, that would leave six at large, how are those six at large to be chosen?

Commander Stone: I will say to the Comrade, you go on and nominate the delegates from each district the same as you did before and when it comes into the Encampment the Department will take some action and elect them as they see fit. The only question now is, to call the districts together to the places where you want them to meet.

Roll call of districts and announcement of places of meeting.

Comrade Dean: I move the Encampment take a recess until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock—the department commander wants me to fix up my motion so I move that when we are done with this business here that we take a recess until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Comrade Stevens, Post 32: I am requested to present here a request from a Comrade of Post 32.

Port Huron, Mich., June 19, 1912.

To the Department Commander and Comrades of the Department of Michigan, G. A. R., Port Huron, Mich.:

Comrades: I desire herewith to make application to become a member of the Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic basing my request upon the following facts, to-wit:

I first became a Grand Army man in the year 1868, as a member of Baldy Smith Post, at St. Albans, Vermont, remaining with the same until it was disbanded, in 1878.

In 1883, I became a charter member of A. R. Hurlbut Post at St. Albans, Vermont, and of which I had the honor to serve as Post Commander in 1887.

In May, 1891, I removed to Battle Creek, depositing my card from A. R. Hurlbut Post with Farragut Post No. 32, of that city, in which Post I have the honor to serve as officer of the day.

Trusting this record of my service in the order may be considered sufficient to entitle me to the honors of Past Post Commander in the Department of Michigan G. A. R. I remain,

Yours in F. C. and L.,

EMERSON W. BORDO,

Late Co. F. 7th Regt. Vet. Vol.

I would ask comrade Bordo to rise so you can see who I am talking about. I move comrade Bordo be elected a member of this Department and placed on the record as a Past Post Commander in this Department.

Motion seconded.

Commander Stone: You have heard the motion that comrade Bordo become a member of this Department on the showing and record made. All in favor manifest by saying aye, contrary no. The motion prevails. Now this Encampment will take a recess until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

Thursday morning, 9 o'clock.

Convention called to order by Commander Stone.

Meeting opened by singing America.

Commander Stone: The first order of business this morning will be the report of the committee on the address of the Department Commander by comrade Dean.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Department Commander begs leave to report as follows:

1st. We wish to commend the Department Commander for the faithful and economical performance of his duties during the year and the zeal and energy displayed in traveling about the state visiting Posts and Grand Army gatherings without expense to the Department.

2nd. We congratulate the Department on the excellent financial showing made this year in the net increase of income over disbursements of over \$400.00, notwithstanding a large decrease in membership which shows great economy in the management of the affairs of the Department.

3rd. Your committee cannot too highly commend and indorse all that the Commander says in reference to the valuable aid of the W. R. C. and Ladies of the G. A. R. to the Posts of the Department. They are certainly of great assistance in keeping many of the Posts in existence.

4th. The Sons of Veterans and Daughters of the G. A. R. are to be encouraged in the laudable efforts to perpetuate the memories of their fathers, and to assist in the work of aiding the survivors of the Civil War in their declining years. We urge upon comrades in communities where these organizations can be successfully maintained to lend their influence and support, to the organization of camps of Sons of Veterans and Fortresses of the Daughters of the G. A. R.

5th. The committee has considered the recommendation of the Department Commander as to change of method in the election of delegates to the National Encampment and are unable to devise any better method than that now in vogue. In the election of delegates other than those elected from the district the Encampment should see that they are equit-

ably distributed over the state and no comrade should be elected as a delegate to the National Encampment who does not intend to go.

6th. We recommend that the committee on resolutions prepare resolutions of thanks to Congress and President of the United States for the liberal pension law recently enacted to be forwarded to Congress and President expressive of gratitude of this Department for such an act.

7th. That the usual Past Department Commanders Badge to cost not to exceed \$35.00 be procured by the Council of Administration and presented to Department Commander Geo. W. Stone as a recognition of faithful service rendered.

O. A. JANES,
HENRY S. DEAN,
JAMES M. GREENFIELD,
Committee.

A Comrade: I move that the report of the committee be adopted.
Seconded.

Motion prevailed and report adopted.

Commander Stone: The next in order will be the report of the committee on resolutions.

Comrade Dean presented the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Encampment are hereby tendered to the Wm. Sanborn G. A. R. Post No. 98, and their Commander, Wm. O. Lee, for the efficient manner in which the members discharged the duty assigned them in furnishing the officer of the day and guards during its encampment.

To the City of Port Huron and her patriotic citizens, to the Relief Corps, the school children and Boy Scouts, this Encampment tenders hearty and appreciative thanks for their generous and untiring efforts to make the occasion one never to be forgotten.

HENRY S. DEAN,
BISHOP ANDREWS,
DAVID WALKINSHAW,
Committee.

A Comrade: I move the adoption of the resolution.
Seconded.

Motion put and carried.

Commander Stone: Comrades there is a committee waiting from the Woman's Relief Corps. Before the ladies come in I hope you will bear with me for a moment. After the ladies go out I hope and believe that some Comrade will bring up the matter of where we will meet next year. I will ask the Comrades to name three members on a committee to escort the ladies to the platform.

Comrade Cooledge, Post 384, Comrade Bellenger, Post 32, Comrade Newton, Post 39 were appointed as such committee.

Commander Stone: I want to say a word now about Col. Cooledge. He was the man that led the United States army into Pekin and I know he will lead this delegation and he will be prompt.

Comrade Janes: Col. Cooledge was a soldier of the Civil War, afterwards in the regular army and he is now living in Detroit retired as a

brigadier general. As stated by the Commander he was in the Philippines and in charge of the 9th Infantry of the United States when they started for Peking during the boxers riot and he led that regiment into Peking and stayed there several months protecting our countrymen from the ravages of the boxers.

The ladies from the W. R. C. were escorted to the platform.

Commander Stone: Comrades salute. I will now introduce to you Mrs. Brown who represents our auxilliary, if it were not for them half the Posts in Michigan wouldn't be alive today and I know it.

Mrs. Brown: Commander Stone and Members of the 34th annual Encampment: This committee has been designated to bear to you the greetings of the 29th annual meeting of the Woman's Relief Corps and I have great pleasure in introducing to you this committee. This is Mrs. Dean, the wife of one of your former commanders. Mrs. Dean is not only Dean by name but she is the dean of relief corps. She has been president for our own local corps for 18 years—21 years and only for her modesty she would have been at the head of the department long ago. I take pleasure in introducing to you past department president, Mrs. Creusere, who needs no introduction to this audience.

Mrs. Creusere: I bring to you the loving loyalty of over 8,000 women of the department of Michigan. We bring to you this little token of our affection, emblematic of our love and loyalty to you and we want you to know, Comrades, so long as there exists a member of the Grand Army of the Republic there will be a Woman's Relief corps to render to you and your dears loving assistance and when the last one of you shall have passed away we shall teach to those who may see the spot of the soldiers grave and say, "Here lies a hero of the Civil War." God bless you Comrades. All honor to the living, all honor to the dead who have made possible for us to say today, "One Country, one language and one flag."

Mrs. Brown: Commander, I am very proud to stand at the head of this delegation and present these flowers and these greetings and to speak a word for the 8,000 women of the Woman's Relief Corps. For 29 years we have been your honored auxilliary but for longer than that we have been interested in all your interests. It has been noted that Commander Stone has made an exceptionally fine record. He has taken deep personal interest in every struggling Post and in every Comrade and do you know, Comrades, it seems to me that in these later years the blessed word Fraternity, is spelled with letters of living light. Veterans of the Civil War we salute you. You do not need our feeble words of praise and what could be said for those of us who have treasured these memories all these years for those who have brought the garlands every year and have always had cheers for the living and tears for the dead. What could be said of the people of this generation if we did not enter into a fair appreciation of our gratitude to you for your devotion to our dear native land. Comrades we thank you for your attention. We know your time is precious but we want to leave with you the heartfelt greetings of those women, your girls.

I have the official report of the department president, which I will read:

George W. Stone, Department Commander, G. A. R.:

Dear Comrade and Commander: It is with pleasure and honor I extend to you and through you to the 34th Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, the loyal and friendly greeting of your auxilliary, the Woman's Relief Corps in 29th Annual Department Convention assembled and submit to you the following report of the conditions of our order.

Number of corps in the department, 208.

Number of members in good standing, 8,605.

Cash expended in relief by corps, \$1,145.17.

Estimated value of relief, \$3,371.31.

Cash expended from department relief fund, \$1,300.00.

Number of soldiers and families assisted, 1,355.

Cash in general fund, \$952.77.

Cash in relief fund, \$128.06.

Respectively submitted in F. C. & L.,

JENNIE A. PEARSON,

Department President.

Commander Stone: In behalf of this Department I want to extend the thanks of this Department. I want to say as a Comrade I love the relief corps and I have good reasons to love them, and every Commander for the last 29 years as you say can vouch for what I have said. I know that half the posts in this State, and I think more would not be in existence today if it was not for the relief corps. When I went to the National Encampment and those ladies, twenty-five past presidents walked onto the platform and handed their Commander-in-Chief \$3,000 and said, since they had arrived in the city of Rochester that they had made up their mind their cash account was larger than they thought it would be, they had added another thousand to take care of us in our old age, it simply carried out the idea I have always had of the Woman's Relief Corps. They have stood by us for years and I do not believe there is a Comrade in this Department but what utters the same sentiment. We love them and respect them, they are ours.

Comrade Saraw: I move we give them a rising vote of thanks.

Commander Stone: Wait a minute I want the Commander-in-chief to meet these noble women, the Commander-in-chief will vouch for every word I have said.

Commander-in-chief Trimble: Not only that but I want to say to this Encampment as I have said to others that the Relief Corps this year has done an amount of work that if we knew the details of it we would all marvel at it. Your national president is one among a large number of past presidents that is worthy of the highest respect of the Grand Army of the Republic, everywhere throughout this country. She has done more this year and I am not criticising the Grand Army of the Republic or its membership but under her leadership the Woman's Relief Corps this year has done more to hold our ranks up and recruit them than all the other forces that have been engaged in that work this year.

The ladies were presented with badges of the Encampment, given the salute, and three hearty cheers as they retired.

The Officer of the Day announced that a delegation from the Sons of Veterans were in waiting.

Comrade Frank Lester, Post 441; P. S. Howard, Post 137, and Robert Finch, Post 5, were appointed as a committee to escort the committee from the Sons of Veterans to the platform.

Commander Stone: Comrades this is Carl A. Wagner. He will introduce his associates.

Mr. Wagner: This is Mr. Ripley, a representative of the Michigan division, Sons of Veterans. This is Doctor—— It is a great honor, a sacred honor that I have of presenting the fraternal greetings of the Michigan division of the Sons of Veterans to your meeting here today. As you know the purpose and object of our Order is to perpetuate the sacrifices of our fathers, the services they rendered for the maintenance of our Union and to teach truthful history and to spread and sustain the principals of equal rights, universal liberty and justice for all. To protect and assist the members of the Grand Army of the Republic and all honorably discharged Union soldiers, sailors and marines, to extend aid and protection to their widows and orphans and to honor the memory of their heroic deeds by historic exercises and the proper maintenance and observance of Memorial Day and Defender's Day and in connection with that last proposition I want to say—the proper observance of Memorial Day, that I feel very deeply personally upon that question and it has been my purpose whenever I saw or knew of a case of desecration of that sacred day to raise my voice and use my efforts in most energetic protest against it. That day has been set aside as a Memorial Day as the name implies and not as a day for recreation and for pleasure and I think it ought to be made the purpose of every survivor of the G. A. R. and I know it will be the purpose of every Son of Veteran in Michigan whenever they do, to see to it that the friends in the community, the mayor and members of the council and the city commissioners are interviewed and that proper proclamation may be made that they shall discountenance horse races and base ball games and all that sort of thing.

When I look into the faces of these men here that over a half a century ago stood in the fore front of the hottest battles that have ever been fought upon the face of mother earth it stirs me most profoundly and it is a great and sacred privilege that has been accorded to me and to my brother here to come and present our fraternal greetings and I hope that you may all live very many more years and that your influence for righteousness and for civic purity and right living may be with us and to be felt throughout the world and throughout the city where you live and the states as it was felt when you shouldered the musket and bore the sabers for the defense of our government and I thank you for your patient and careful attention.

Mr. Ripley: I can not add anything to what brother Wagner has just said only during the past year I have been at the head, as you might say, of the department of the Sons of Veterans and know about the condition we are in and have been placed in. We have been having a very hard struggle in many ways and we are about now to win I believe a number of camps throughout the state and win in membership but we need your aid in this matter to help build up the camps in your towns. In the smaller cities it is a very hard struggle to keep up the membership on account of the fact that the young men are drifting from place to

place and lose interest by moving away from a place where a camp might be and moving into a new place where there is no camp but I believe with your aid we can build up a fair membership and in after years I believe the smaller towns can take up the work and assist you. Now it is not our desire to be one of the Grand Army, to take active part in their meetings or anything of that kind. There is a place in our ritual that give the Grand Army man the privilege to come into our camp room at any time and the camps are taking upon themselves at the present time, to make the Grand Army man a member of the Sons of Veterans—that is what I mean by that, a man that has been to war and his father has been to war, that makes him twice eligible to the Grand Army and also to the Sons. We ask you to give us all the aid possible during the coming year to help us build up the division of Michigan.

Commander Stone: I wish to say to these boys who have come here with these greetings that personally I don't know as I could be a Son of a Veteran—I am unfortunate—my father served on the other side but I want to say to you that my heart is with you, I am speaking for myself and not the Department and I want to say that you have been a little unfortunate in the past but I do believe today after a thorough investigation that they have started in earnest and are going to do something and I want to say to you that my time is my own and during the next year if I am not out of the state if there is any time or any place I can do you any good, come where you are, I will be glad to do it without any expense to you. My heart is with you. In behalf of this Department I want to say we would rather have you than any other people on earth but we want you to do better than you have done before.

Mr. Wagner: I want to introduce to you, not only a Son of a Veteran but a Spanish War veteran, a man who was in the legislature, Doctor —

Doctor —: The introduction was somewhat embarrassing for a young man who is so young that he has not very much hair yet. It affords me a great deal of pleasure to appear before you. It has always afforded me pleasure to meet you and associate with you. My father was a member of the G. A. R., and all the days of my life he tried to instruct me that there was nothing so honorable, no matter what it is was in the years and centuries past nor will be in the future again, anything like the deeds of the Grand Army. He always told me that grave stones above a grave will crumble into dust but that the memory of the soldiers of the Grand Army of the Republic will live forever.

Commander Stone: Comrade Wagner or Captain Wagner was a captain of a company that went to Cuba and two of his boys, and the only Michigan boys lost their lives.

Comrade Wagner: I just want to say that the only reason that I spoke to the Commander about that was the fact that my company was composed of the Sons of Veterans. You know the idea prevailed before the Spanish War that patriotism and courage and manly valor had died out in the American nation and that there was no longer the courage and bravery that you boys manifested in '61 and when '98 rolled around and the call was made for troops to defend the integrity and honor of this country in its interference for a down-trodden people enough sons of veterans of 1861 to 1865 volunteered for service under old glory to make more than one regiment of soldiers. At that time it was not found practicable to accept more than two companies so the Michigan division

organized one company and honored me by giving me the captaincy of it and we were assigned to the 33d Michigan, and we were the only regiment that got into action and lost any men in action. The only two men from Michigan were sons of veterans and they gave up their lives on the field of battle by hostile bullets, just a circumstance that I want to call your attention to, when we were first organized. Every man was green, raw recruits but when I said to them, "Boys we stand in a unique position before the army. Every eye will be upon you to see whether the blood of the veterans of '61 to '65 runs any truer than in the ordinary man" and I could see every head raise and every chest expanded and there is not a black mark against that entire company from the time it was mustered in until it was mustered out.

Commander Stone: Comrades with such a man at the head of the Sons of Veterans they can not fail. I do not want to impose on you, Comrades, but I ask you in fairness and justice to give away a few minutes and take up the question of the next place of meeting. I think it should be done now. Do not leave it until there is nobody to do it.

Comrade Raab, Post 145: I want all you boys to indorse my motion. I move you Commander, that this Department meet in Lansing next year.

Comrade Rankin: I want to second that motion. Let us go down to Lansing. Comrade Stone lives in Lansing and when he was elected last year I knew he was going to give his time and spend the biggest part of his earnings, if necessary, and he has done it and he has just now promised—

(Calls for the question.)

Commander Stone: I ask that you confine yourself to the question.

Comrade Rankin: As I was saying, let's go to Lansing, because I know that Lansing, is not only in the central part of the state, Lansing was promised it three years ago, Lansing would have had it two years ago if I had not gone up to Holland and begged of you fellows to come down to Ypsilanti, and I will ask you this, if we did not carry out at Ypsilanti what I promised we would.

(Yes, yes.)

Comrade Dean: I move the previous question.

Commander Stone: Comrades, one moment. There has not a man from Lansing asked you to come there, but I hold in my hand unknown to Charles T. Foster Post, that our city council unanimously invite you there and I hold their letter. The council asks you to come. Are you ready for the question?

Motion put and carried unanimously.

Commander Stone: Now the hour has come and passed that was set as a special order for the election of officers. The first thing in order will be the nomination—

A Comrade: I move we proceed to the regular order of business. Seconded.

Motion put and carried.

Commander Stone: Comrades, I would like to call the Senior Vice Commander to the chair. I do not think it is proper or right to appoint a committee of tellers without consulting with the candidates.

Comrade Chase, Post 126: Comrade Spillane and I are satisfied with any one you may choose to name. They may be all Spillane men, I don't care, our Comrades are all honest.

Comrade Spillane: If they are all Chase men it will satisfy me too.

Comrade Dean: I move that nominating speeches be confined to five minutes and seconding speeches three.

Motion put and carried unanimously.

Commander Stone: The adjutant will read the list of tellers. Let this whole election go off with the spirit of fraternity. I have been a candidate, I was defeated twice and I want it so that when you get through, the defeated candidates can come onto this platform and shake hands.

Assistant Adjutant General: The following is the list of tellers.

Albert Dunham, Post 48.

E. F. Lamb, Post 17.

A. Boulter, Post 42.

Commander Stone: The tellers have been selected by the parties in interest. Are you satisfied? Now Comrades we are ready to proceed with nominating speeches.

Comrade Blair, Post 5: This is a very large delegation and a good many of the Comrades wish to leave and I would make a motion that the tellers be increased to five instead of three.

Seconded. Motion put and carried.

Commander Stone: I will add to that committee Comrade Devlin, Post 433 of Detroit and Comrade Stevens, Post 32, of Battle Creek. Now the adjutant general will call the districts and you will proceed to nominate your Department Commander.

Assistant Adjutant General: District number 1.

Commander Stone: To help us in our record we will make the nominations first and then the seconding speeches come afterwards.

Comrade Lawrence: Commander and comrades of the Department of Michigan. I have been designed not only by Fairbanks Post and by my own Post to place in nomination a man for Department Commander. I am thankful for one thing, that there is no strife, that this is a friendly conquest, they are both friends of mine and they are both friends of this Department. I wish to say, comrades, that the man whom I wish to place in nomination is a Grand Army man, the same as all of you. He believes in the principles of the Grand Army his intention, if elected is to carry out the principles and the will of the Grand Army. This man holds a position as captain of the police department of Detroit and I called upon the commissioner so as to know just where I stood and these are his words. I asked him the question if this man could have time. He said, "Mr. Lawrence there are no men in this country that deserve the consideration at the hands of a grateful people more than the men that help save this country and if our man is nominated and elected he shall have all the time that the Grand Army of the state of Michigan shall demand of him and my word is good. So there is no question but what if you elect Captain John Spillane he will serve, faithfully honestly and sincerely. He will go to the National Encampment at the head of this Department. He will do everything that a comrade can do that the work of his predecessor be carried on. With this man at the head of the department I give you my word, and

you all know me, that this man will do everything that he can do to help advance this Order in our declining years. He made the run a year ago and was defeated by our beloved Commander and he asks your suffrage again to place him at the head of this Department and in doing so, comrades, you will make no mistake.

Adjutant General: District number 2, district number 3, district number 4, district number 5.

Comrade Andrews, Post 72: Department Commander and Comrades: In the brief time allowed by the rule, little remains for a man to do who undertakes to perform the duty which I am to do except to name the candidate and this I will do at once and present for your impartial consideration, Frank R. Chase, of Ionia county. His face is doubtless familiar to a great many of you today because he has attended nearly all the Encampments, both state and national so that in addressing you I do not feel as though I were speaking to you of an entire stranger. I know that biographical sketches are not interesting on such an occasion as this, but if you will indulge me a moment I will tell you something about who he is. As a boy at twenty-two he recruited Company B of the 25th Michigan, was chosen lieutenant when he might have been commissioned captain of that same company and which he refrained from taking because of age and want of experience. With them he served from the time the regiment went out in 1862 until November, 1863, when being disabled he was transferred to another field of duty where he served in various positions until 1868, making six years of service in the army of the United States. No man will be presented for this position as a candidate who has not seen good service. There will be no question raised about that at all. He took part in all the battles in which his regiment was engaged while he was with it. Served on the staff of Sheridan and others and I want to say to you Comrades that during all the years of service he was never absent from his regiment or his brigade when it was under fire. A man's character is testified to by what his neighbors think of him at home. Since the war he has been chosen Commander of his Post at Belding for 19 successive years. For seven years he was president of the Ionia county batallion. He served on the soldier's relief commission in that county ever since it was organized, save one year. That is a sufficient guarantee of his character because it is what his people at home thinks of him that goes farther than anything else. He is at present a member of the National Council of council administration, also serving as Chief of Staff under Commander Stone, and I want to say to you Comrades that what you want in a Commander of this Department is a man whose heart is in the business and if you select Comrade Chase, as I trust you will for this position, he will give his time and his money for the performance of the duties, carrying the responsibilities which shall fall upon him as Commander of this Department.

Adjutant General: District number 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12—

Commander Stone: Now, it seems that we have but two candidates. The seconded speeches are now in order.

Comrade Miner, Post 132: I rise in behalf of Post 132 to support the nomination of Comrade Chase for Department Commander.

Comrade From, Post 384: I desire to second the nomination of John Spillaine of Detroit for Department Commander.

Comrade Erisky, Post 393: I second the nomination of Comrade Spillaine, the drummer boy of the Rappahannock.

Comrade Barney, 45: Comrades it is a very important position that we are about to fill at this present time. Comrade Spillaine came up for office at the Encampment at Holland and was beaten. Submitted to it, came up in Ypsilanti and was beaten and submitted to it.

Commander Stone: That is a mistake about his coming up for office in Holland. He only came up once before and that was at Ypsilanti.

Comrade Barney: I believe I am in as good a position to know Comrade Spillaine as any one in Michigan. When you come to think of what Comrade Spillaine has done, not only as the drummer boy, but he has three wounds and then we think of his carrying the gun and the club in the city of Detroit 42 years protecting everybody in the state of Michigan, I want to say to you that I favor Comrade Spillaine for the position of Department Commander.

Comrade King, Lapeer: I want to second the name of Comrade Spillaine.

Comrade Dean, 137: Comrades, my Post instructed me to second the nomination of Comrade Chase and I am here to perform the duties which they assign to me. I want to say to you, Comrades, most of you know it, that I have attended, except when sickness prevented, all the encampments since I have been a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and all the National encampments except at three and I have never been present at any one of them but I have seen Comrade Chase present and doing duty. I know Comrade Spillaine and I have not a word against him. I love him but I love Chase and I am here under instructions to second his nomination.

Comrade from Post 147: In behalf of the delegation from Pontiac we indorse the name of Comrade Spillaine for Department Commander.

Comrade McBride, of Holland, 262: I rise to second the nomination of comrade Chase. I am here as an instructed delegate for him. We believe that he is the proper party and therefore unanimously support him.

Comrade Hamilton, Post 185. In behalf of Post 185, I second the nomination of comrade Spillaine.

Comrade Riley L. Jones, Post 38: The whole Saginaw valley seconds the nomination of John T. Spillaine.

Comrade Jackson, Post 17: I rise to second the nomination of John T. Spillaine.

Comrade Lovelace, Post 294: I rise to second the nomination of comrade Chase.

Comrade Ives: I like the fraternal feeling that seems to prevail here but I came instructed. My Post of Mason instructed me to cast my ballot for Frank R. Chase. I did not need any instruction I could have done that anyway. Comrade Chase and myself were schoolboys together at the M. A. C., I knew him well then and I love him and I have known him during the intervening years and I love him still.

Comrade Stevens, Post 83: My Post instructed me and it was unanimously voted to support the name of Frank R. Chase for Department Commander.

Comrade Lazelle, Post 42: Comrades I represent a Post of 280 members which indorse unanimously the name of Comrade Chase for Department Commander.

Comrade Clute, Post 166: I rise to second the nomination of comrade Chase.

Comrade Gilbert, Post 167: In behalf of U. S. Grand Post, I second the nomination of comrade Spillaine.

Comrade Hope Walsh: In behalf of my Post and all the Posts in southern Michigan I wish to second the nomination of John Spillaine.

Comrade Coffin, Post 5: In behalf of the delegation from the 5th Congressional district I second the nomination of Frank R. Chase.

Comrade Cady, Post 17: I would like to indorse the name of comrade Spillaine. You will make no mistake in electing him Commander of this Department.

Comrade Williams, Post 360: I second the nomination of Comrade Spillaine.

Comrade Warren, Post 210: Comrades on the second meeting in January our Post unanimously indorsed the candidacy of comrade Spillaine and instructed the delegates all they honorably could towards his election.

Comrade Cannon, Post 16: I rise to support the nomination of comrade Chase, I represent Post 16, and from the 11th district.

Comrade from Post L: I rise to second the motion of comrade Spillaine.

Comrade Rankin, Post 180: I second the nomination of comrade Spillaine.

Comrade Devlin, Post 433: I wish to say to this convention that Captain Spillain deserves your consideration today, you will make no mistake if you will elect him.

Comrade Raab, Post 145: I move that nominations be closed.

Seconded.

Motion put and carried unanimously.

Comrade Schnider: I desire to move that the tellers be instructed to pass through the aisles and collect the ballots as the comrades are seated.

Seconded.

Motion put and carried.

Commander Stone: Comrades I beg of this convention to be fair. A comrade charges that another comrade is peddling tickets for one of the candidates and I have nothing but contempt for a comrade that will do it. I understand that there is a comrade here who is one of the tellers peddling tickets. Comrades that would not be allowed over in Mexico.

Comrade Devlin: I want to say to you I am peddling no tickets, one of the comrades here asked for a Spillaine ticket and he could not get one and I handed him one.

A comrade: Then you peddled it.

Commander Stone: Don't do it again.

Comrade Bellaire, Post 5: I would like to have the Adjutant General announce how many delegates are here entitled to a vote.

Adjutant General: The credential committee respectively report that they have checked over the credentials and find that 401 delegates and Past Commanders have registered.

Commander: To save time while the tellers are counting the vote if there is any committee to report we will take it up and in case there is not there is no objection to our taking up a candidate for Senior Vice

Commander and that is a short thing to dispose of, as it is left according to usage to this city.

A Comrade: Sanborn, Post 98, Port Huron. I nominate for Senior Vice Commander, E. S. Petit from Port Huron. Seconded.

Commander Stone: You have heard the recommendation from the Post here. What will you do with it?

Comrade Saraw, Post 53: I move we make it unanimous. I move that the rules be suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of the Encampment for comrade E. S. Petit. Seconded.

Motion put and carried unanimously.

Assistant Adjutant General: I hereby cast the vote of this Encampment for E. S. Petit, Post 98 for Senior Vice Department Commander.

Commander Stone: I declare Comrade E. S. Petit of Post 98 duly elected Senior Vice Commander of this Department.

Is there a committee ready to report?

Comrade Clute: Your committee to whom was referred the report of the assistant adjutant general is ready to report.

Department Commander and Comrades of the Encampment:

Your committee having carefully examined the report of the assistant adjutant general, find the report sets forth in detail and very carefully the condition of the Department and we commend him for the manner in which the office has been conducted during the past and recommend the adoption of his report.

U. H. LAZELL.

H. A. CHAPIN, Post 31.

H. A. CLUTE, Post 166.

Comrade Clute: I move the adoption of the report. Seconded.

Motion put and carried unanimously.

Comrade Bellaire: I move we proceed to the nomination and election of Junior Vice Commander. Seconded.

Motion put and carried.

Comrade Starkweather: I rise to present the name of R. B. Davis, Post number 10.

Comrade from Post 32: I nominate C. H. Brown.

Comrade Spaulding, Post 20: I would nominate Thomas Davey, Post 17.

Comrade from Post 5: In this nomination for Junior Commander it would seem to me as though we better wait until the ballot has been declared on commander. Here is Post 17 coming in with a man for Junior Vice Commander and you have got two men from Detroit if Captain Spillane is elected.

Commander Stone: Your position is well taken. I believe for the best interests of the Department we should wait until such time as we hear the result of the other ballot.

Comrade McBride, Post 262: Can we now take up the matter of the appointment of delegates to the National Encampment? I move that we proceed to take up the selection of delegates. Seconded.

Motion put and carried.

(Roll call of districts.)

Commander Stone: Comrade Janes wants to say a few words that is

important to the old Comrade who has not received his pension. It is more important than anything we have done here.

Comrade Janes: While there is a lull in the business I thought it proper for me to make a statement as inquiries have been made of me since I have been here in regard to some of the Comrades not having received their quarterly pension or payment this month and so if any of you here are in that condition I will tell you the reason why, and when you go to your home you may find that there are widows and orphans and Comrades that have not received their quarterly pensions and you can explain to them the reason why. I think it is due to me that the blame should not rest upon me. You know that Congress makes an appropriation of a certain sum annually for the payment of pensions. The fiscal year of the government expires on the 30th day of June in each and every year and no fund can be used beyond the fund that has been previously appropriated for the fiscal year. This quarterly payment of pensions of June I received the warrant from the commissioner of pensions of the deposit of one million five hundred thousand dollars to my credit for the payment of the pensions this month. I had thirty-five thousand dollars on hand making one million and five hundred and eighty-five thousand dollars. The monthly payment would amount to one million six hundred thousand. I informed the commissioner that I would need at least sixty thousand dollars to meet the payment this month. The commissioner informed me that \$1,500,000 was all that he could assign for this quarter stating this that the deficiency in the appropriation for this fiscal year was such that he needed \$500,000 more and that in the appropriation for the next fiscal year commencing the first of July there had been placed in it the appropriation for \$500,000 that might be used and if that bill passed there would be more money placed to my credit. That bill of appropriation passed by the House embraced in it the abolition of the pension agencies except one at Washington. It went to the Senate and the Senate disagreed with the House by restoring the pension agencies. It went back to the House and the House refused to concur in the amendment made by the Senate and a conference committee was appointed on the part of the House and the part of the Senate to get together and see if they could not adjust the matter. That has not yet been adjusted so that appropriation bill has not been passed. I ceased paying pensions on the 12th day of this month. Vouchers came in, no payment could be made because the entire fund placed to my credit had been exhausted. Tuesday morning before I came to this Encampment I received a telegram from the commissioner of pensions saying that he had ordered \$30,000 placed to my credit and that was all that would be placed to my credit during this month. I went to work Tuesday before I came here and spent that whole \$30,000 paying upon the vouchers that had been held up in my office, and that was not sufficient to pay all and so those that come in until the first of July can not receive pay thereon. So if there are any Comrades or widows at your home that have not received the pension you may know what is the trouble and that they can not receive payment, until the first day of July unless that appropriation bill is passed giving that additional amount for this fiscal year and I make that explanation to you in justice to myself that I am not withholding the payment of pensions

for vouchers received except for the simple reason that I have not any money to my credit to pay with.

Chairman of Tellers: There were 394 votes cast. Necessary to choice 175, of which comrade Spillaine receives 188 and comrade Chase 161.

Commander Stone: Comrade Spillaine having received the majority of the votes cast I declare him elected as Commander of the Department Michigan G. A. R. I wish you would get comrade Spillaine and bring him to the platform so that I can introduce him. Michigan seems to be a great state for honoring drummer boys and want to say to you that it is a pleasure to me because I happened to be like him, a drummer boy, and want to introduce to you your next Department Commander, Captain, no, comrade John Spillaine, of Detroit.

Comrade Spillaine: Comrades I cannot tell you, I cannot express how thankful I am. It is the highest honor I know of to be Commander of the Department of Michigan. I will do all I can to further the interests of the Grand Army in every way, and I hope at the end of the year I can give as good an account of myself as your present Commander Stone has given. Now, I will say that my opponent, comrade Chase is a first class Grand Army man, a good man in every way and I hope a year from now you will elect him to this office.

Commander Stone: The boys would all like to hear from the fellow that is wounded.

Comrade Chase: I am not very badly hit. I want to say to you comrades that the behavior of the boys yesterday seemed to me a better demonstration than I have seen for years. Now, comrades there is only a remnant of us left, as Bryan said, "Wrecks of the Rebellion" that is true, wrecks of the Rebellion but when we meet and march in line as we did yesterday I want to say to you that I pitied our Commander Stone to think that he could not see that line as I saw it and saw the behavior of you men in the ranks. I asked you not to smoke in the ranks and I only saw one cigar in the whole line and when I said to the comrade, "You are smoking, comrade, don't you want to leave it off?" He looked up at me as much as to say, "Well what in Hell have you got to say about that?" but in half a minute it was gone and then it rained and some of the boys put up their umbrellas and I says "Boys, when did the Quartermaster issue that thing?" and in about a minute the umbrellas were all down. I want to say that you did yourselves proud in the march yesterday and as Chief of Staff I believe I was as proud as comrade Stone that I should be your leader. Now let this be our effort in the future whenever we are on the march that we be soldiers, that we don't go waving hats and guns and hollering here and there but remember that we are the survivors of our comrades and I tell you comrades it made the tears come in my eyes when I thought of it yesterday, when I saw this line and then thought of the review at Washington and thought of the difference. Comrades I thank you for your votes. I see that I did not have quite tickets enough in the field. I had quite a few left. Keep them boys if you want me for next year. I want to say further to you that comrade Lawrence came around and announced the result of the ballot to comrade Spillaine and says, "I have one request of you and that is that you make comrade Chase Chief of Staff. He says he is Chief of Staff, that is where I am comrades and I think I am just

as proud to be Chief of Staff as I would be to be the Commander of this Department if it were as possible to be as proud.

Commander Stone: Comrades, I ask you who are present to carry this message home to your Post. I ask the boys to be as loyal to my successor as you have been to me. Stand by him, a Commander needs the support of every comrade in the Department and I pledge myself here now that any time that comrade Spillane calls on me if I am alive and well and in the state, I will go to any reunion or campfire and I will pay my own expenses and be proud to go.

The next thing in order is the election of Junior Vice Commander.

Comrade Davey, Post 17: Standing back at the end of the room a short time ago I heard my name mentioned for Junior Vice Commander. I will say that since I came in this room a comrade wanted to know what I had that badge on for that I was too young to wear it. Now, being only a kid I think I can afford to wait a while. Please leave my name out.

Comrade Spaulding: I was the one who presented the name of comrade Davey and I will withdraw it.

Comrade Wheeler, Post 451: I wish to say that we come down here to your state Encampments and vote for officers and we ask that you elect a comrade from our section of the country and I nominate R. C. Norris of Post 461, Boon.

Comrade Richardson, Post 444: I will state that I have known comrade Norris for many years and live in the northern part of the state. We would like the honor conferred on us of electing an officer from that section. And I second his nomination.

Comrade Ives: I move that nominations be closed and that the assistant Adjutant General be instructed to cast the ballot of this Encampment for comrade Norris. Seconded.

Motion put and carried unanimously.

Assistant Adjutant General: According to instructions I cast the vote of this department for R. C. Norris, Post 461, for Junior Vice Department Commander.

Commander Stone: I hereby declare comrade R. C. Norris duly elected Junior Vice Commander. We will proceed to nominations for the office of Medical Director.

Comrade Giles, Post 147: I present the name for Medical Director of Doctor Robert LaBaron, Post 147. Seconded.

Commander Stone: Are there any further nominations. If not they are closed.

A comrade: I move that the Adjutant General be instructed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for comrade LaBaron.

Motion put and carried unanimously.

Assistant Adjutant General: In compliance with the instruction I cast the ballot of this Department for Robert LaBaron, Post 147, for Medical Director.

Commander Stone: I hereby declare Doctor LaBaron duly elected Medical Director. The next in order is Chaplain. He is virtually elected for life. I think if you do anything you should elect an assistant.

Comrade Raab: I want to place in nomination a comrade for Chaplain, a comrade of Governor Crapo Post, a comrade we all love in our Post that you will all love when you see him on the platform. He is not

a preacher but he is an exhorter of the Methodist church, a christian gentleman in every particular and one that we will all be proud of, James H. Failing, I mean for acting Chaplain, we can not elect a Chaplain. We have agreed to keep our comrade Putnam as Chaplain for life.

Comrade Ives: I second the nomination. I move that the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of the Encampment for comrade James H. Failing for assistant Chaplain.

Motion seconded. Motion put and carried.

Commander Stone: The Assistant Adjutant General will declare the vote.

Assistant Adjutant General: As directed I cast the ballot of this Encampment for James H. Failing of Post 145 as Assistant Chaplain.

Commander Stone: I declare comrade Failing elected as assistant Chaplain.

The next in order of business will be the Council of Administration.

Comrade Lee, Post 98: I wish to place in nomination for member of Council of Administration, comrade George Raab, Post 145, of Flint.

A Comrade: I second the nomination.

A Comrade: I wish to place in nomination as a member of the Council of Administration, comrade R. B. Davis, of Post 10.

Comrade Rankin: I believe in rotation in office. I do not believe in putting the same men year after year in the same office. There are hundreds of just as good fellows and some of them pay their money to come here and I don't believe in one man getting all the honor, one man getting up and nominating a man with the agreement that the other man will nominate him and I want to see the Council of Administration changed a little and I am going to recommend a man who has not asked me to and I believe that is the kind of men who ought to be picked out I want to present the name of comrade Jerome Allen of Post 180, Ypsilanti.

Comrade Howard: I have the pleasure of placing in nomination, William H. Morgans, of Post 147, Pontiac.

Comrade Richardson: I would place in nomination the name of John R. Wheeler, 461 of Boone, Michigan.

Comrade Rankin: Now there has just been a Junior Vice appointed or elected from Post 461 and there are plenty of fellows for this office, pass it around.

Comrade Richardson: I would withdraw the name of Comrade Wheeler and nominate A. J. Teed of Cadillac, Post 444.

Comrade Lamb: I move that nominations be closed and the five Comrade's names be declared elected. Seconded.

Motion put and carried.

Assistant Adjutant General: You have placed in nomination for members of the Council of Administration, George Raab, Post 145, R. B. Davis, Post 10, Jerome Allen, Post 180, W. H. Morgans, Post 147, A. J. Teed, 444.

Comrade Spaulding: I move that the assistant adjutant general cast the vote of this Encampment for the five Comrades named as members of the Council of Administration.

Commander Stone: You have heard the motion. All in favor signify by saying I, contrary no. The motion is carried unanimously.

Assistant Adjutant General: According to your instruction I cast

the ballot of this Encampment for the five Comrades whose names I read.

Commander Stone. I hereby declare the five men placed in nomination for members of the Council of Administration duly elected. The next in order is the election of delegates to the National Encampment. You will nominate one from each district which will make twelve, then we are entitled to six to be elected and one at large, making a total of 19. Now what is the pleasure of this encampment.

Comrade Lawrence: I place in nomination the name of Henry Laws.

Commander Stone: Wouldn't it be a good idea to have first a report of those that have been elected from the twelve different districts?

Assistant Adjutant General: We can elect the delegates at large first.

Comrade Raab: I second the nomination of Comrade Laws.

A Comrade: I would like to present the name of Albert Dunham.

Comrade Lawrence, Post 318: I want to say that Comrade Laws will go to Los Angeles if he is elected.

Comrade Janes: Comrade Dunham will go to Los Angeles if he is elected.

Comrade McBride: I place in nomination Robert Finch of Grand Rapids as one of these delegates at large.

Comrade Dart, Post 402: I rise to place in nomination the name of A. L. Bryant.

Comrade Schnider: I would suggest this, we all met in congressional districts last night and made nominations to recommend to this Encampment. There are twelve districts and some of them recommended one for the delegates at large. Now wouldn't it be well for us to proceed and have the reports that have been handed in from the congressional caucuses read to us?

Commander Stone: That was my idea at first but I had recognized Comrade Lawrence and being the delegate at large it did not make much difference.

Comrade Schnider: Can't we go on now and receive the reports of the congressional caucuses?

Commander Stone: Will it be satisfactory to go back and dispose of these districts first, which I think is the proper thing to do.

Comrade Lawrence: I will withdraw my nomination.

Commander Stone: The adjutant general will call the roll of districts and read the name of the Comrade recommended by each district.

Assistant Adjutant General: District number 1, delegate, George H. Miller, 247 Third Avenue, Detroit.

Alternate, Robert Norris, 236 Commonwealth Ave., Detroit.

District number 2, delegate, James N. Chappell, Post 33.

Alternate, S. B. Mereness, Post 180.

District number 3, Arthur J. Phillips, Post 166.

Alternate, Ely Strong, Post 79.

District number 4, delegate, H. A. Chapin, Post 31, Paw Paw.

Alternate, Charles Shelbert, Post 72, Three Rivers.

5th District, Emory C. Fox, Portland, Mich.

Alternate, William Baumgartel, Post 262, Holland.

6th District, delegate, Frank Lester, Post 441.

Assistant Adjutant General: The district has not named an alternate. You must have an alternate to keep the ballot straight.

A Comrade: I nominate Comrade Schnider, there has not been a delegate at large elected, that was withdrawn.

Comrade Ives: There is a gentleman in Lansing that asked me to help him to a position when I was down there, a man in the Capitol building who wears a uniform, Comrade W. C. Nesen.

Assistant Adjutant General: I will substitute the name of Comrade Nesen, if agreeable to the district. I know he is going and then district number 6 reads: Frank Lester as delegate, and W. C. Nesen as alternate.

District number 7, W. O. Lee, Post 98, Port Huron, alternate, George W. Howe, Post 98, Port Huron.

District number 8, George J. Dart, Post 402, Akron. Alternate, Elijah Howard, Post 214, Millington.

District number 9, delegate, James Mansfield, Post 461. Alternate, Steven A. Aldridge, Post 7, Muskegon.

District No. 10, delegate, Hiram Russell, Post 67, Bay City. Alternate, Griffin Lewis, Post 67.

District No. 11, delegate, J. J. Walter, Post 101, Lthaca. Alternate, Darwin E. Waite, Post 16.

District No. 12, delegate, P. C. Beanston, Post 300, Marquette. Alternate, Homer Hart, Post 342, Sault Ste. Marie.

Comrade Janes: I move that the rules be suspended and these names by districts, the nominations made for delegates and alternates thus far be unanimously elected by proclamation. Seconded.

Commander Stone: It is moved and seconded that the rules be suspended and the list of delegates as read, 12 of them be declared elected by acclamation. Are you ready for the question.

Motion put and carried unanimously.

Comrade Schnider: We have now elected 12 delegates and 12 alternates and we have six more, one at large and as the first one I want to nominate on behalf of the 6th congressional district and also on behalf of a group of 2nd Michigan men who instructed me to present his name—

Comrade Lawrence: I think I have the floor, I nominated a man first and Commander Stone asked me to withdraw the name and I did withdraw it and I do not think this is just the fair thing.

Commander Stone: I will say that you are right. Comrade Lawrence should be recognized.

Comrade Lawrence: I place in nomination Comrade Henry Laws, Post 261, who will go to the encampment if elected. Seconded.

Comrade Schnider, Post 42. Now I want to nominate as one of the delegates at large Albert Dunham, Post 48. Seconded.

Commander Stone. There is only one at large and he is to be chairman of the delegation. There ought to be some one selected as chairman of the delegation who is perfectly competent.

Comrade Ives: Oh that don't cut any figure, I was chairman myself last year.

Comrade Dart: I want to place in nomination the name of A. L. Bryant, post 255.

Commander Stone: You have nominated three, there are seven, but there is only one at large. When you get to the Encampment the Department Commander is the chairman.

A Comrade: I want to nominate Robert Finch of Post 5 as one of these extra at large delegates.

Comrade Rankin: I have attended these encampments for years and I never had a show or a shadow of a show along these lines. Now they have already named two men who are delegates and one of them has been twelve times a delegate and I have wanted to go for twenty-five years and I know I can fill the bill but I never got a bit of a show. I don't believe in naming these fellows over and over. One of them that has just been named has been to ten Encampments and he has had enough. Now I want to put in nomination a private again, a fellow who wants to go, he has got the money to go but he hasn't got any pull and I am looking after the fellows I tell you that hasn't got any pull and I want to nominate Comrade James Sutton, Post 48 of Jackson, as a private who hasn't a pull.

Comrade Raab: I want to place in nomination the name of Henry Rankin, Assistant Adjutant General. The rules and regulations provide that every five hundred of the membership of the Department is entitled to a delegate in the National convention. The Department is entitled to 18 delegates. Then you have one extra delegate who is called the delegate at large and he is the only delegate at large. That makes 19 in all.

Comrade Ives: Here is a comrade that asks me to present his name and I present the name of W. H. Beasley of Ithaca.

A Comrade: If there are no other nominations I move that the rules be suspended and the Adjutant General cast the ballot for comrades named as delegates to the 44th National Encampment.

Comrade Ives: Is it understood that comrade Rankin is delegate at large?

Comrade Dean: What difference does it make whether you are delegate at large or no. If you want to go to the National convention go as a delegate and you have got just as much power as if you were named delegate at large.

Motion seconded.

Commander Stone: It is moved and seconded that the rules be suspended and that the Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot for the names nominated. Are you ready for the question?

Motion put and carried.

Assistant Adjutant General: I hereby cast the vote of the convention for the comrades whose names were nominated as delegates to the National convention, viz.:

Henry Laws, Post 261 at large.

Albert Dunham, Post 48.

A. L. Bryant, Post 255.

Robert Finch, Post 5.

James Sutton, Post 48.

Henry Rankin, Post 180.

W. H. Beasley, Post 101.

Commander Stone: We will now proceed to the election of alternates.

Comrade Hamilton, Post 17: If there is a vacancy I would like to nominate H. B. White, Post 17, he is going. Now, we don't want everything if there is others wants it.

A Comrade: I would nominate Ira Carley of Post 266.

Comrade Raab: I would nominate Robert King, from the 6th district.

Comrade Schnider: I would nominate F. W. Thayer.

Comrade Ely Strong, Post 79: I wish to place in nomination the name of Enoch Shafer, Post 79.

Comrade Petit: I wish to nominate alternate delegate L. A. Sherman, Post 98, of Port Huron.

A Comrade: I would nominate J. G. Berrey, Post 263.

Comrade Janes: I move that the rules be suspended and the names just nominated be elected alternate delegates to the National Encampment. Motion seconded.

Motion put and carried.

Commander Stone: The Assistant Adjutant General will cast the vote.

The Assistant Adjutant General: I hereby cast the ballot of the Encampment for comrade H. B. White, Post 17, Robert King, 144, Ira Carley, Post 266, J. G. Berrey, 263, Enoch Shafer, Post 79, L. A. Sherman, Post 98, F. W. Thayer, Post 197, as alternates to the National convention at Los Angeles.

Commander Stone: I hereby declare them duly elected. It is about time to bring up the matter of instructions to the delegates in regard to the incorporation—that is the only thing we have left to do and I do not think it will make any difference because I think we all agree after what we heard what the Commander said yesterday about the incorporation of the Grand Army.

Comrade Janes: There may be various ideas presented at the National Encampment and we do not know anything about what will be presented and possibly the matter should be left with the delegates to exercise their judgment.

Commander Stone: The next in order will be the installation of officers. We will not come back after dinner but will install the officers at this time. I know I am tired and I know I would be glad to be home and I know the rest feel as though they would like to be there and the Past Department Commander Janes will now preside and install the officers.

Assistant Adjutant General: There is one other important matter in the blanks furnished for making the reports of the officials for delegates it calls for the report of the delegate at large. You have not designated who that delegate is to be. You have elected seven besides the twelve delegates.

A Comrade: I would designate the first man that was nominated.

There being no further business to present, Commander Stone announced that the installation of the newly elected officers would be the next in order and called on Past Department Commander O. A. Janes to act as Installing Officer.

The Installing Officer appointed Major Frank R. Chase to act as Officer of the Day.

Installing officer O. A. Janes: The Assistant Adjutant General will call the names of the officers elect.

The names were called and the following officers were installed into their respective offices.

John T. Spillane, Department Commander.

Edwin S. Petit, Senior Vice Department Commander.

H. C. Norris, Junior Vice Department Commander.

Robert LaBaron, Medical Director.

Department Commander Spillane appointed Henry Spaulding, Post 20, for Assistant Adjutant General and D. S. Kimball, Post 17, for Assistant Quartermaster General, and they were regularly installed.

Installing Officer Janes turned over the command of the Department to the new Commander.

Comrade Spillane: Is there any further business before we adjourn?

Comrade Chase: In change of administration the old Assistant Adjutant General is acquainted with all the papers in connection with the reports and so forth and as he was last year given fifty dollars for compiling the Journal I now move that he be allowed fifty dollars for that work at this time.

Seconded. Motion put and carried.

Comrade Janes: If there is nothing further to be brought before this Encampment I move that we do now adjourn sine die.

Comrade Spillane: Before I put that motion I want to return thanks to Past Commander Janes for the able and courteous manner in which he has conducted affairs here today. All in favor of the motion to adjourn say I, contrary no. The motion is carried and I declare the Encampment closed.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Asst. Adjt. General.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Ypsilanti, Mich., June 23d, 1911.

Meeting of the Council of Administration called by Department Commander, George W. Stone. Held at Headquarters room in the Masonic Temple.

Present:

George W. Stone, Department Commander.

J. J. Holmes, Junior Vice Department Commander.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.

George Raab,

M. D. Richardson,

Henry Spaulding,

R. B. Davis,

} Council of Administration.

Matters of general interest were discussed for a short time.

It was moved that the Bonds of the Assistant Quartermaster General be fixed at \$5,000.00 and the Bonds of the Assistant Adjutant General be fixed at \$1,000. Motion carried.

It was also moved and carried that the premium on the bonds be paid by the Department.

Moved and seconded, that the Department Commander and the Assistant Adjutant General be authorized to procure the usual bronze Department badge for the National Encampment at Rochester. Carried.

Moved that the procuring of the ribbon badges—Michigan—be left with the same committee. Carried.

Moved that \$150.00 be appropriated for music for this Department at the Rochester Encampment, and that the Department Commander be instructed to procure as many of the Veterans Drum Corps as possible for the amount appropriated. Motion carried.

Moved that the actual expenses of the Assistant Quartermaster General in attending the National Encampment at Rochester be paid.

Motion carried.

There being no further business, the Council of Administration adjourned to meet at call of the Department Commander.

Approved.

Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Assistant Adjutant General.

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Port Huron, June 18, 1912.

Agreeable to call, the Executive Committee met at headquarters room in the Arlington House.

Present:

George W. Stone, Department Commander.

J. J. Holmes, Junior Vice Department Commander.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.

Lester J. Kenney, Assistant Quartermaster General.

R. B. Davis,

Henry Spaulding, } Executive Committee.

George Raab,

The books and vouchers of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General were compared and audited and found correct.

The Quartermaster's books showing the following result:

Received from Past Asst. Q. M. Gen. Starkweather.....	\$4,029 22
Received from Assistant Adjutant General Wyckoff.....	2,448 37
Interest on deposits	242 50

Total receipts	\$6,720 09
Disbursements as shown by vouchers.....	\$2,263 14
Balance on hand	4,456 95
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Distributed as follows:

Alger fund	\$1,000 00
W. R. C. fund.....	766 43
General fund	2,690 52

Total	\$4,456 95
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A gain for the year of \$427.73.

On motion the Committee adjourned.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Asst. Adj. Gen.

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Port Huron, June 18, 1912.

Agreeable to call of the Department Commander the Council of Administration met at Headquarters in the Arlington House.

Present:

George W. Stone, Department Commander.

J. J. Holmes, Junior Vice Department Commander.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.

Lester J. Kenney, Assistant Quartermaster General.

B. F. Davis,

Henry Spaulding,

Perry Mayo,

George Raab,

M. D. Richardson,

} Council of Administration.

The Executive Committee reported the result of their examination of the books of the Assistant Adjutant General and of the Assistant Quartermaster General, and the result would be reported to the Encampment.

It was moved and seconded that the rules governing the National Encampment, do govern this Encampment. Adopted.

Moved that the Assistant Adjutant General be authorized to exchange the old typewriter in his office for a more modern machine at a cost of not to exceed \$20.00. Motion carried.

Moved that the action of the Department Commander in dropping the delinquent Posts as shown in the report of the Assistant Adjutant General be approved (for list of Posts, see Asst. Adjt. Gen. report). Carried.

Moved that in the future no Post be carried by the W. R. C. fund for more than two years. Carried.

Moved that the R. R. fare of the members of the Executive Committee in attendance upon this meeting be paid. Carried.

There being no further business the Council of Administration adjourned.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Asst. Adjt. Gen.

EXHIBIT A.

Inventory of Supplies:

34 Rules and Regulations, @ 3c	\$1 02
10½ Sets Rituals and cards, @ 50c	5 25
23 Sets of Office cards, @ 10c	2 30
17 Service books, @ 10c	2 55
157 Odes, @ 50c	78
446 Applications, @ 40c per	1 80
50 Leaves of Absence, @ \$1.50 per 100	75
341 Transfers, @ \$2.25 per 100	7 67
68 Discharges, @ \$2.25 per 100	1 53
1 Post charter	25
2 Descriptive books, @ 75c	1 50
4 Blue books, 1910, @ 75c	3 00
28 Membership Badges, @ 35c	9 80
71 Rank Straps, @ 21c	14 91
354 Badge Ribbons, @ 3c	10 62
107 Buttons, @ 6c	6 42
1 Electrotype No. 1	35
8 Books, Q. M. Receipts for dues, @ 22c	1 76
12 Books, Adjutant orders on Q. M., @ 22c	2 64
65 Adjutant's record book and roll of officers, @ 10c	6 50
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EXHIBIT B.

Inventory of Department Property:

One Silk U. S. Flag	\$15 00
One Union Jack (Bunting)	8 00
One Department Banner (Silk)	25 00
One Smith Premier Typewriter (old)	15 00
One Letter scale (old)	50
One Department Seal	2 00
One Numbering Machine	5 00
One Letter press (old)	75
One copy pad path .....	....
Two frames for Department Commanders' photos	12 00
One Registration Rack	2 50
Two U. S. Bunting Flags, 5x8, @ \$2.00	4 00
One silver loving cup
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UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

Campfire for the children and presentation of flag to the High School by the Department of Michigan, W. R. C., at the Auditorium, Tuesday evening, June 18th, 1912.

Tuesday evening at 8:30 the official program of the Encampment opened with the children's campfire held at Auditorium under direction of Marthe Archer, Patriotic Instructor of W. R. C. Department. Patriotic Instructor of the G. A. R., Frank MacElroy of Lapeer was to have assisted, but owing to illness was unable to be present. The Ladies' Quartette of W. R. C., the quartette of Washington school and St. Stevens orchestra furnished music. The children furnished many pleasing patriotic numbers, which were greatly enjoyed by everyone.

Address of welcome was given by Com. of Sanborn Post, W. O. Lee, and response by the Silver Tongued Orator of the W. R. C., Sara A. C. Plummer, Department Secretary Martha Archer, Department Patriotic Instructor of the W. R. C. then presented the beautiful silk flag to the City High School, on behalf of the Department W. R. C. The flag was accepted by Mayor John J. Bell of Port Huron, on behalf of the Board of Education. Thresa Garty Fosdick, of Ypsilanti, gave an original Flag poem, and flag salute by children following. Department Commander, George W. Stone, gave an interesting history of the American Flag from its inception illustrated by the ten flags under which this country has served. His remarks aroused the Comrades to a high pitch of enthusiasm, and when he had completed his patriotic reference to the old flag, a gray-haired Comrade in the audience arose and requested three cheers for the Stars and Stripes, which were given with a will. At the close of his address, Commander Stone presented Miss Lee, daughter of Comrade Lee, with the ten miniature silk flags, he had used in illustrating his remarks.

Miss Mary Scott, of Port Huron, now presented the Boy Scouts with a beautiful banner and pennant for use at their headquarters.

A short address was given by Jennie Arnold Pearson, Department President of W. R. C., and the grand woman our department, Past National President, Emma Stark Hampton of Detroit, gave a few words of inspiration and cheer to those privileged to hear.

The program closed by a few inspiring words by the Father of the Children's Campfire, Past Department Patriotic Instructor, G. A. R., Comrade Barney of Flint, who never fails to be present and who would be sorely missed if he did not. The vast audience arose and sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee" and one could not but feel the beautiful custom of thus inculcating patriotism in the hearts of the children of the city, entertaining the Grand Army Encampment is surely worth while.

By special request of Department Commander George W. Stone and Department President Jennie A. Pearson, who believe the patriotic interests of this Department may be benefited thereby, I give the outline of program of Flag Day exercises which includes the caring for an old flag retired from further service. This program was rendered by Post No. 10, Corps No. 11 of Dundee, on public square near flagstaff.

After singing "Red, White and Blue" by company, invocation by Chaplain, the Comrades of Post escorted by color bearers, who encircled the staff and stood with flags at salute, while the Comrades slowly lowered the old flag, the choir singing "The Old Flag Never Touched the Ground."

The flag was brought to the platform by the Comrades and laid on station, while the law compiled from the U. S. law governing the army and marine flags as given us by Capt. Wallace Foster, our National Sponser for the American Flag was read. This shows three ways of finally disposing of our old flags, first to laundry and drape in a room, second to destroy by fire, third to bury in the ground. After the law was read, a vote was taken from all present as to which method should be used in caring for our old flag, and a motion to cremate was unanimously sustained.

The Post Commander and Senior Vice then took the flag by corners, blue field up and held over the receptacle that had been prepared, and as the flames crept up over its time worn folds, the choir sang "The Battle Songs of Long Ago." When reduced to ashes every head was bowed in reverence and a prayer offered by Chaplain who afterward scattered the ashes to the four winds of Heaven, the Chaplain saying:

"Grandly hath thou fulfilled thy mission, Old Flag, and finished the work that was given thee to do, so now do we give back thy ashes to the four winds of Heaven, that thy message of freedom to all mankind may carry to the uttermost parts of the earth."

The program closed by presenting new flag to city, songs and recitations by children.

THE PARADE.

Wednesday afternoon at 1:30.

This inspiring feature of the Encampment was viewed by thousands of spectators, and the old veterans carried themselves like soldiers that they were.

The threatening clouds gathered just before the time announced for the starting of the parade, but this failed to dampen the ardor of the boys and they fell into line promptly when the order came, "Fall in".

Wm. O. Lee president of the local encampment committee, led the parade, then came the Port Huron band, followed by the Company of National Guards, these young soldiers making a fine appearance. Then came the Boy Scouts in their unique semi-military uniforms. These were followed by the Sons of Veterans. Acting as special escort to the Department.

Post 42 of Lansing, acted as special escort to the Department Commander, followed by the uniformed rank of the Daughters of the G. A. R. Acting also as special escort, to the Department Commander, their marching and military appearance caused much enthusiasm.

Then came the Department Commander and Staff with Past Department Commanders.

Then came the Veteran Fife and Drum Corps of twenty musicians, who furnished the same inspiring music for the comrades to march after that they did in 1861-'65.

The comrades and Posts of the Department with their Post colors,

and marching in files of four, keeping step to the old time fife and drum, was the inspiring portion of the parade, and the old comrades were greeted with cheers and tears as they marched by. Post 17 of Detroit, was the largest Post in the line and with every man carrying a small pennant bearing the name "Spillane" (their candidate for Department Commander), made an imposing appearance.

Major Frank R. Chase, Chief of Staff, was in direct charge of the parade and to his credit is due the finest parade the Department has had for years, so pronounced by those most capable of judging. Fortunately the threatening rain held off until near the close of the March and then came so gently that it did not in any manner interrupt the parade.

The parade was reviewed by Commander-in-chief Tremble, Department Commander George W. Stone and his staff, the mayor and council of the city.

CAMP FIRE.

At the Auditorium, Wednesday evening June 19. Addresses by the Commander-in-chief and others. Comrade Wm. O. Lee, chairman.

Comrade Lee: Comrades, ladies and gentlemen of Port Huron: This is the Grand Army campfire for the Thirty-fourth Encampment of the Department of Michigan. We will endeavor to give you a program that will be instructive, interesting and pleasing. We are desirous of having every comrade, his wife and daughter leave Port Huron with the motto that is on your badges. "You will like Port Huron" and we believe you will. The first on the program will be "Tenting on the old camp ground," sung by the W. R. C. ladies' quartet.

Comrade Lee: We have with us tonight a comrade who has for years been faithful in the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic, a man who has labored hard for entertainments of this character for the Grand Army of Michigan, a gentleman who has been in the legislature and is there today and at all times is deeply interested, nobly fighting and contending for the rights that belong to the comrades of Michigan and I have the pleasure of introducing to you the Senior Vice Commander, H. C. Rankin.

Comrade Rankin: He would be a very tame man, indeed who would not be inspired by this galaxy of faces, this battery of bright eyes that are beaming upon us tonight, and I suppose it would be a pretty good thing for me while I stand here on the threshold just before the big guns are about to be fired off to pave the way for them to tell the good people of Port Huron when we were tenting on the old camp grounds. I was just thinking while they were singing that song, where were the hundreds of the Grand Army who are assembled here tonight, where were you fifty years ago tonight tenting on the old camp ground. I just asked our beloved leader, Congressman Gardner where he was and he said he had been wounded on the Atlanta campaign and was in the hospital at Chattanooga. I whispered again to our Commander-in-chief and said where were you fifty years ago tonight? He says I was in Princeton, Illinois, and every drop of blood was pounding in my veins as I kept in my heart answering to the call of Abraham Lincoln and I was getting ready to go just as fast as I could. And where were you,

you hundreds of fellows. Wouldn't it be just great if I could stand here and take your names and we had time enough to call the roll of these men grown gray in the service, you men who went forth as boys knowing nothing of graft, knowing nothing of the laurels of fame and caring not at all for the greed of office. Hundreds of you fellows were just as intent upon one thing, answering to the call for men fifty years ago today and cheerfully braving the hardships and exposures fifty years ago tonight. Fifty-two years ago the government of the United States was borrowing money at the ruinous rate of twelve and one-half per cent interest in time of peace. Those southern fellows that we went out to face fifty-one and forty-nine years ago laid their plans well. They saw to it that there was scarcely a gun, there were not five thousand guns in the northern arsenals, they had all been put in the southern arsenals by the votes of congress. They saw to it that the cannon had all been planted on the southern forts and there were very few of them left in the north. They saw to it that the army, the little army, but a handful of men, was scattered all over the west, looking after Indians and here, there and everywhere they saw to it that the navy of the United States was sent into the Mediterranean Sea and to the Red Sea and into African waters far away when the clarion call came that there would be nobody ready to take up the burden when they fired on Sumter and in that condition of things we begun the war and that God like inspiration came to your boys in school, boys on the farm, boys serving in the stores, boys running errands, boys here, boys everywhere, an army of boys that were ready to accept the challenge when it came to us in those early years when we were tenting on the old camp ground. Oh, if I only had an hour to tell that greatest story of any story since that story of the Prince of Peace and the lamb of God and Calvary, the only story that is comparable to that is the story of the war for the nation. Well I must close it up for I am only an armor bearer. I am only to stand on the threshold he said five or ten minutes and open the way for he says we have got some three hundred pounders that are going to be fired off and you will be thrilled to the marrow just as you were in those days. Fifty years ago tonight we were marching forward in Virginia, in Kentucky, in Tennessee, in Missouri and during that present summer when we went down there to guard them, to guard everything our southern friends had and when we took care of their bacon and stood guard over it and when I used to stand guard and it made me mad when I had to walk back and forth and watch their crops and when I had my instructions never to touch a fence rail or dry wood if it rained torrents and we could not build a fire in '62 with any fence rails because we were trespassing upon our southern friends property—that is the way we fought the war in 1862, because the great body of people in the north would have it so. They wanted us to go down there but they said "Don't hurt those dear southern boys, go out and get after them but don't hurt them, but guard their property and do everything you can" and so we did that in 1862, and when the fall of '62 came we had failed everywhere and so there came up in the summer of '62 from these battlefields of the south "For God's sake send us more men and more money and when you come down here again go and whip the southerners and then when you boys went out in the fall of '62 and again the campaign of '63 and '64 we just took all the fence rails we could and we gobbled up all the

bacon and we gathered in the chickens and the sweet potatoes and there was not anything we did not find, we even carried off the grind stone as you remember.

You boys fought that war to a successful issue. What did you do? Why instead of the government of the United States borrowing money any more at twelve and one-half per cent she has got millions of money to lend and the people of America are glad to get it at one and a half per cent interest and they will pay a great big premium for a two per cent bond when once you know we paid such ruinous rates of interest. And what more did you do? You made it possible for mothers though they were dark skinned and tawny you made it possible for mothers to own their sons anywhere and you took freedom from its sectionalism and you planted it upon the ever lasting foundation of government and now we have forty-eight states on the flag, there were thirty-one then and eleven of them had seceded and there were only twenty left. We brought back the eleven and seventeen have been added since and there is not a stripe erased nor polluted, there is not a star that is not undimmed in its color but everything stands out from that banner we love so well, and I do wish I had an hour to tell the story but it may be possible that these fellows may have to take the train, these three hundred pounders and you will like to stay a while and I will come in again.

Comrade Lee: Some years ago I had the honor of being president of a regiment and I also had the honor of having a little girl too and the comrades were very considerate and they went to work and elected her baby of the regiment. She thrived and grew and when she was seven years old another little girl dropped into the family. She admired her very much but she says, "Papa, I am still Baby of the Regiment" she is still Baby of the Regiment but she is a big girl. Reta Lee will give you a piano solo.

Comrade Lee then introduced the Honorable Washington Gardner, Past Department Commander, who spoke as follows:

Comrade Gardner: Comrades, ladies and gentlemen: It is gratifying to every friend of the old soldier to see such an audience as this upon this occasion. I asked my friend the chairman, how many people are in this building. He estimated 1,500. That certainly is a large number of people to come together after the storm we had earlier in the evening. I asked Commander-in-chief, Trimble, where he spoke last night and he said Springfield, Ohio. Did you have as large an audience as this? He said, "We had 8,000." Everywhere the Commander-in-Chief goes he says the audiences are limited only by the capacity of the auditorium. It is not the Commander-in-chief, however, though he rides at the head of the column of the greatest organization of its kind on the globe, though he brings to the discharge of the duties of his great office culture and experience and long years in official place as a judge, he nor any other member of the Grand Army feels that to their personality is this outpouring of the people on these patriotic occasions, it is back of the men, back of the platform, back of the Grand Army, it is the loyal heart of the great community of our countrymen taking interest and pride and gratitude in the fact that they are Americans living under the flag of our country.

I have thought tonight for a few minutes, Mr. Chairman, we have been hearing so much about pensions and we feel so grateful as survivors of the great war to which my friend from Ypsilanti alluded, at the gener-

osity of the government of our times and we have heard so many criticisms of its penuriousness and particularly while the bills were being harmonized and shaped and corrected, in looking over the record of the past I found that one of the first or the second bill passed by the continental congress was to grant pensions to the men who had been disabled in the war of the Revolution and they gave to those who were disabled, wholly unfit to earn a living, to the privates, the half of their pay and their pay was \$8 a month, so those men received \$4 a month if they were wholly unable by reason of wounds or other disabilities incurred in the service and in the line of duty as pensions. The officer got half pay and the first lieutenant got \$17 a month in the army, he would get the half of that as a pension if he was wholly disabled, and the second lieutenant fourteen, the third lieutenant, thirteen. This remained for a long time. Forty years after the beginning of the war for the establishment of this government the congress of the United States put upon the pension roll up to that time only the men who had been disabled in service, forty years after they put upon the pension rolls those who were indigent, who had served in the war, poor and dependent and in two years 8,000 applications were made and granted and forty-two years after the Revolution opened Congress passed what it called the "Alarm Bill," 8,000 men had come forward saying that they are dependent and should have a pension. That congress passed a bill authorizing and requiring every soldier to make out a schedule of his property and it is of record not only that many were dropped but that men who showed by their statements that they owned but one hundred and fifty dollars worth of property were dropped from the pension rolls. Forty-two years after Lexington and Bunker Hill. It is well for us sometimes to look backward. I do not believe in looking backward very much, as a rule I try to look forward but sometimes we get some comfort in looking backward. There was no bill passed for the soldiers of the Civil War except for men disabled in the service in the line of duty incompetent from earning a living, incapable until June 27th, 1890. Those men were showing effects of service although they were not wounded, could not establish at that time their disability arising from service and the Congress authorized, a maximum of \$12 a month, that was the highest. June 27, 1890, and some of our good women, wives of soldiers feel aggrieved to think that they are not allowed pensions because they married their husband since June 27th, 1890, and I think they have a just ground for grievance. Any woman that could live with me since June 27th, 1890 is entitled to a good pension. If you have any doubt about that ask my wife. But it was fifty-three years after the beginning of the Revolution before the wife of the Revolutionary soldier and his widow could be placed upon the pension roll and then she must have married him before he left the service. From this standpoint of view it is not so bad to live in our times as compared to the olden times. Think of what we done this last year. We have heard so much about the Sullivay bill based upon age and Sherwood based upon service, both carrying large sums of money. The Sherwood bill passed the house and failed to pass the Senate, I mean the Sullivay bill, and the Congress died. Then came in the Sherwood bill carrying much more than the Sullivay bill and it could not pass the Senate. Then came the

tug of war. Everybody seemed to concede and when I say everybody—there are a few in the general acceptance of that term, there are many exceptions among a hundred million of people—but the general opinion was that fifty-one or two years after the outbreak of the Civil War there ought to be a letting out of the belt, a little more liberality on the part of the Government. Our Commander-in-Chief in my judgment has done no better service since he assumed the duties of his office than a little quiet room where there were not to exceed eight or nine persons the chairman of the Senate pension committee and the members of the pension committee, the Commander-in-Chief seeking to show to the chairman of the Senate pension committee the importance of adjusting the differences between the two houses upon an equitable basis and his argument was as clear as the tone of a well regulated bell. It took long weeks and months. The up-shot of it was that we have a pension based upon age, based upon length of service, based upon disability. No pension bill was ever framed or can be framed that can do exact justice to all the beneficiaries but my opinion is that the bill we passed and which has received the signature of President Taft on the 11th of May is as nearly equitable as human ingenuity has ever been able to devise. What does it do? It recognizes the well conceded principle in Congress that age is a disability so that a man gets something for age. It recognizes that services ought to be taken into account. Other things being equal a man that served three or four years is entitled to more than a man who served three or six months. That seems to be a defensible proposition. Those two things are cardinal principals in the sentiment of the present pension bill, but it so happens that men get disabled in three months. I knew a man who left his home in Jackson county and in three weeks he was in the hospital on the battlefield with a limb amputated. He is entitled to a pension just as much financially as the man who served three years and six months and was shot at the end of the war and had a limb amputated. He gets it on his disability so that the short service men who were disabled by wounds or disease draws under what we used to call the old law, the general law, and time is not a factor. It is what is this man entitled to for wounds rec'd in battle regardless of length of service, having lost a leg or an arm or an eye as the case may be. So that you take those three propositions and you cover the whole ground as a general proposition, though there will be many individual cases that will not be equitably served. As to the amount it seems to me, that any reasonable Comrade will see that the government is extremely liberal, extremely so, and I do believe this, Commander-in-Chief, speaking for Michigan Comrades that there is a very general feeling all through the Department of satisfaction with this last great general pension bill. Now my countrymen what of it? What of it? The greatest compliment paid to the men in annual convention in your city and those like them in this country is the passage of this pension bill which with previous bills will require approximately two hundred million dollars every year. Passed by who? By democrats and by republicans, by northern men and southern men, by eastern men and western men, by union soldier and confederate. There is a little hand full in the House on either side, five I think, members of the House were in the Union Army, a few more in the Confederate Army. One of my good friends who voted for this bill lay five days on the Confederate side on

the battlefield of Chickamauga given up for dead, suffering every day and night of his wakeful time and yet standing there and pleading with his comrades in gray and his fellow democrats in the south to vote for these men to vote for this bill for these men who saved the nation. He knows young people, he knows that mere money can not compensate for the perils of battle for the suffering of wounds, for the shortening of life. These—these are the accompaniments of the soldier. He knew when he felt the sting of the Federal lead again and again in his body what it meant to fight to destroy the government and he knew that it meant quite as much to fight to defend and preserve it. Young people, what a tribute to those men fifty-one years after the outbreak of that war. The south land joins with the north land in the out pouring of this vast treasure that the evening time of those boys who marched when Lincoln called shall live in comparative comfort to the end of their days. To-night, today, yesterday and for sometime indeed the eyes of Americans and a good many Europeans have been focused on Chicago and are wondering what a day may bring forth. No man can tell but this thing we know, that the states that were represented in the wigwam when Abraham Lincoln was nominated are all in Chicago now. The states that were represented in Charleston when Steven A. Douglas entered his great contest are all in Chicago now. And in a few days the states will all be represented in Baltimore and the great Democratic party will say, "Who can we nominate, what platform of principle can we initiate that will result in forty-eight sovereign states welded into this insoluble union so as to elect a president of the whole of them." Why? They would not have them there if you had not been here, if the men that heeded the call of Abraham Lincoln had not answered the call, the Chicago convention would not have been what it is tonight nor would the convention soon to convene in Baltimore be what it will be. One hundred million in round numbers in forty-eight great states—this, young people, is the geographical result of the great war in which these gray-headed men engaged when they were youths. \$125,000,000 of accreted wealth—this is the financial side. Our good ship of state rides at the head of them all and leads the nations of the world in the sea of national finance. It would not have been so but for these men and those who stood with them in the days of the Civil War. Then the question of government by the people and of the people and for the people was not as familiar to our ears as it is now. Then it was a government by states. Then the constitution was a compact, a simple agreement. Then a large section of our country men claimed that our state can constitutionally go out of the Union if it willed, and the others had no constitutional right to compel it to remain in or to bring it back if it goes out. Now no one claims that right and if anybody ever does there will be a mighty host to teach them a lesson without argument. That result did not obtain until the men who were here tonight who wore the blue and those who stood with them had forever settled the proposition on the field of battle and settled the question which statesmen and jurists and cabinets and presidents were unable to settle. Fifty years ago more and less the writers of Europe generally scoffed at the Republic of the United States. One of the most brilliant essayists said it is like a ship that is all sail and no ballast, the Republic of the

United States. As soon as it enters a stormy sea it will go down. Few people in the old world and a large minority in the new believed as the fathers believed in the beginning that our government was simply an experiment. No one today but feels that the experimental stage has passed and the Republic is to endure, not only that the example of the endurance of the United States our prosperity, our opportunity to lift men up when they show their willingness in any field of human endeavor has stirred the ambition of the whole round world and recently the most intelligent, the most conservative of the mighty peoples of the globe have thrown off the raiment of thousand of years of restful sleep in the lap of non-progress and has put on the garment of a Republic and China moves out onto the great world prepared for a new and greater future. She would not have made that move were it not for the men who are here tonight and those who stood with them in the battle line, who marched with them who endured with them in the hospitals and in the prisons and concurred and settled the great questions that bothered the greatest of the world as to whether you can trust government with the people. Some men have been suspicious, some men have been doubting, some men have been looking out into the future and they say "What of this meeting in Chicago." What if some man in the proper situation should attempt to lead a revolution. What if the people should lose their heads. Why, bless your hearts Chicago is not the United States, even tonight. William H. Taft nor Theodore Roosevelt nor any other man is absolutely necessary to this Republic. Now, there is no politics in that but there may be an immense amount of patriotism. So long as the heart and brain of this nation beats loyally to that flag, so long as we are true to the principles for which these men fought, so long will this nation survive and the great conservative and the conserving men will put their hands upon the lock and say "So fast and no faster down this grade."

One other thing and I will quit. I never like to make a speech on an occasion like this, and I have not been making many lately, this is pretty near as new to me as it is to you—I would not like to close this speech on an occasion like this in the presence of this great audience of young men and young women who have been born and come to manhood and womanhood since the war closed, who know of that of which you were a part simply because they read it in the books, in the magazines and have sat by the knee or upon the knee of some soldier, father or uncle or brother and learned of the great struggle yonder. My friend over here spoke of being in the hospital. I have been suffering every moment that I have spoken to you because of a wound received forty-eight years ago. But what of it. What of it. I thank God that I have lived to be grateful that I was counted worthy to bleed and suffer that my countrymen might pass out of bondage into freedom. Looking at the colored man, as we may, looking at the colored problem as we may, looking at the condition of the colored man today as we may, the greatest single chapter of the history of the 19th century will yet write the chapter of the liberation of the race in the United States of America. I have heard Ambassador Brice one of the most learned men in Europe or America, the English ambassador, the author of "The American Commonwealth" which has been a text book in our University and our colleges now for many years—I heard him say that no race in human history had made

the progress in forty odd years that the colored race has made in the United States in that time. That was his judgment. And a race that can produce a Booker T. Washington, born a slave lived in a hovel worked to educate himself, graduated from college, bought a little land that had on it an old barn and a hen pen and today has more than two thousand students, two hundred buildings and vast endowments and has sent out thousands upon thousands of young men and women with an upward look, with a brighter future, teaching them the head, the hand, the heart, that deeds make men regardless of the color of skin. This man, this benefactor of the race, this man who has sat beside kings and queens, an honored guest in the old world, would not have been what he is or done what he has done, and he is simply illustrative but for these men who sit here tonight and those who stood with them. It was a great thing to have been a soldier in that war, to have done one's duty, to have upheld the flag, to say, I will fight for it and if necessary I will die. And now at eventide it is light a way back yonder, the drum has ceased to be heard, the reverberation of the artillery are silent, the groans of the stricken and the wounded are no longer heard but that which was born of the battle field lives and will live after we have crossed the river and camped with our comrades on the other shore. Young people this is your legacy stained with the blood of heroes, this is your inheritance bought with a great price. Take it, treasure it, transmit it unimpaired and then future generations will be grateful to you as you are grateful to these men who in their day and generation did what they could.

Comrade Lee: We will now listen to a song by Carl A. Wagner.

Mr. Wagner sang the "Sword of Bunker Hill," which was rendered very acceptably and for an encore sang "Michigan my Michigan."

Comrade Lee: Citizens of Port Huron and comrades we have the honor to have with us the Commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic and I take pleasure in introducing Commander-in-chief Trimble.

Commander-in-chief Trimble: Comrades of the Grand Army of Michigan, ladies of the auxiliaries of the Grand Army and allied organizations and Sons of Veterans, fellow citizens and ladies and gentlemen: A magnificent sight this audience is. Audiences like this meet with the Grand Army of the Republic all over this land of ours. My comrades if you could touch the patriotic pulse of those people who now live on our eastern coast where things began for liberty in this country and then sweep across the continent to those plains and mountains where empires are being builded and then come back to this mighty center of our population and meet such audiences as this all over these great Central States you would realize and appreciate more than you otherwise can how deeply devoted this mighty citizenship of the Republic is to the cause for which you fought when this nation was in danger. No one need be pessimistic as to the future of this nation. Let us be optimists and believe and act upon the belief that this Republic will survive all the possible shocks that may come to it until our children's children and their children's children and the generations yet unborn shall acclaim over all the world that truth and righteousness and liberty shall prevail throughout the kingdoms of the earth.

That was a mighty struggle in which you were engaged, my comrades from 1861 to 1865. For more than forty years before it began that

mighty debate involving the vital issues had held the rapt attention of the liberty loving people around the world. Never before in the history of the race had the issues involved been so sharply defined and never before had the issues involved been submitted for ultimate and final determination. Neither had the same race and blood and kindred, it was the inevitable conflict between right and wrong and let it be remembered by this nation that to legalize wrong as had been done in our constitution never makes it right. It is wrong still a legal wrong, not a legal right and all the worse because it was wrong legalized. Nations must take note of this, the experience and history of the world has made it axiomatic and so my comrades and my fellow citizens we cease to have these campfires as we used to have them when we told stories of the war, some of them a few, once in a while were true. We have ceased to talk of our great leaders and particularly of that president who was born in Kentucky in a log cabin, moved over to Indiana and then Illinois, went down the Mississippi in a flat boat and things like that. We talk of Lincoln today as the mightiest intellect that ever presided over any nation in the history of the race. (Cheers.) We talk of Lincoln as a man who lived nearer to the teachings of Him for who the star of Bethlehem stood still than any man who ever held the ship of state of any nation through any storm in all the history of the world. (Cheers.) We talk of Lincoln as the man whose heart was big enough and tender enough to feel the pulse of the oppressed of every nation and every people and every clime beneath the sun. His assassination save one, was the greatest, the wickedest individual crime in all the annals of the race. So my comrades as we read the history of that mighty man, as we read the history of that mighty conflict, we at this time in our declining years see that struggle as a struggle not only to maintain the unity of those states not only to liberate four and one-half million slaves, but to correct the history of the world, to achieve righteousness in this land as well as liberty. (Cheers.) Think of it. It needs but to be stated, to be recognized. You can not, and the history of the world demonstrates it, you can not have liberty in this land or any other land without righteousness and you cannot have righteousness without liberty. (Cheers.) And so that was the issue. Your victory carried more of import to righteousness and liberty than all the struggling of the Anglo Saxon race through the nine centuries that had preceded it. So Comrades did we understand it then, did we know the import of that mighty struggle. Yea, verily. Perhaps not as we know it now but there was that subconsciousness of knowledge that caused you, my Comrades, to exceed all the heroes in all the annals of history in any cause for which men have suffered and died.

Go with me to the scene that was sometimes witnessed during the last half of the war period, the memory of which to those who witnessed is as fadeless as the sun. Sherman's army was marching through Georgia sixty-five thousand strong. Tramp, tramp, tramp, the boys were marching over roads, good bad and indifferent, by daylight, by moonlight, by starlight and no light at all. Tramp, tramp, tramp with that strong stride and steady step that told of strength and fortitude and courage and patriotism, equal to every task of every hour and equal to every difficulty that might be met upon that army. One night when the silence of the deep woods was telling us that mid-night hour was near, away

yonder at the front of that mighty moving column was the murmur of music. A regiment was singing, and then a brigade and the whole division and backward the swell of that music came like the waves of the ocean beating upon the shore and then a whole army corps more than twenty thousand men keeping step and singing that magnificent hymn:

"Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord:
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored:
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword,
His truth is marching on.

And then through the second and third and fourth and finally:

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea:
With the glory of his bosom that transfigures you and me.
As he died to make men holy let us die to make men free,
For God is marching on."

(Cheers.)

It was not the simple music although it had in it the grandeur of simplicity. At times as those magnificent verses rang through that deep woods it rose in an exalted thought to the height of enthusiasm, vibrant with inexpressable feeling and then fell again to those gentler yearning cadences that wrung the soul with longing that was world old and world wide, that reached out towards the unattainable stars and reaching back a marvel and at its end murmuring through the tops of the tall pines it became a fainting, dreaming whisper as it drifted heavenward. Had you been there to have witnessed and heard, you would have come away with more than a lingering suspicion, more than a mere impression that it might possibly be that the spirit of God was with that army. You would have believed it and believed it too, that it made that army invincible. And now since peace is with us the great republic survives and men are free. You and I, my comrades, and you my fellow citizens, and you my friends, for ourselves and for yourselves change the last stanza of that great hymn and read it:

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea:
With the glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me,
As he lived to make men holy let us live to keep men free,
While God is marching on."

And so on to the end of that mighty struggle that armies of liberty marched from that time to the end victoriously to the accomplishment of that mighty victory for righteousness and liberty. Those two vital forces that must go down the centuries to go to the conquest of this round world. That is what it meant. You won that victory on more than two thousand battlefields along a lane of more than one thousand miles in extent. You fought on plains, in deep woods and on the rugged mountains when they were in your way and your enemy was there. You will not forget, my comrades, how our comrades from the valley of the Tennessee, struggled up that rugged mountain and that mighty ridge 800 feet and 1,600 feet above the level of the Tennessee and carried that flag and planted it there in victory in its native soil again.

"I saw it flutter up the rugged steep,
When Sinai came again on Look Out's crest,
I saw those lines of blue right upward sweep,
As if the sea would sweep the eagle's nest.

It was not life or death or wrath or scorn or thirst for blood, that
make those men broad to brave the tempest and to spurn the sod,
Shake off the heavy earth that clogs and clings and take to air like
beings worn with wings

And mount to glory that November morn.

The flag inspired them like a trumpets blast, it made them heroes first
and shrouded them at last.

If men shall keep the faith and God shall will,
Baptised in blood and decoration born,
This flag shall fly till resurrection morn,
An inspiration and a glory still."

But that was fifty years ago. Fifty years ago, a half century of time
has sped between those events and now. My comrades in all that period,
nor you nor I nor any of us anywhere in all this broad land of ours have
forgotten those Comrades of ours who fell by our sides and pointed to
us with their last words the rugged waste that led to victory. We can
not forget them nor will we. Let it be remembered and not forgotten
that there is an ocean-wide difference between one who fought and fell
and we who fought and survived unscathed. We gave one, two, three,
possibly four years of our young lives, maybe the best years of our
lives for our country but they gave the last full measure of human de-
votion, the last full share that men can give to any cause at any time.
And so we will remember them and you, the generation that have re-
ceived this mighty legacy from the hands of those men will remember
our Comrades who fell, yonder, and lie today where kindred may cover
them over with beautiful flowers and those who fell fighting for free-
dom on seas, lulled to sleep by the ceaseless murmur of the ocean
which whispered to their souls, God reigneth and truth and righteousness
and liberty shall yet prevail in all the earth. And those who sleep
yonder, all over the south with only the sunlight to bloom above their
graves—you will remember that, you children of this generation, and of
the next and through all time.

Thrice blessed are we that we have survived to see the fruits of vic-
tory. Some one has said that in the wreath that a grateful nation
twines around our brow the most brilliant and imperishable flowers
are those which shall be gathered from the sacred graves of those who
freely offered their lives upon the altar of their country. May we not
believe that for our Christian soldiers there is a far richer and more
enduring reward than any that can be paid by earthly homage. Let
us believe that passing through the shadows they were bidden to enter
the gates of the new Jerusalem whose foundation are builded on eternal
truth. In that better land there are no envy, no strife, the Prince of
Peace, presides over all and transplanted to the everlasting gardens of
God's love where angels walk and loving hands shall crown them with
unfading and imperishable diadems and the spirit of those heroes shall

never die, it will survive the ruins of empires and passing through the length of time weave the bright colors of self-denial and loyalty and righteousness and liberty into the mighty fabric of human souls which shall be unrolled some day and hung up as the golden tapestry of the eternal city of our God and so with those Comrades of ours, we leave them to the mercy of our Father who doeth all things well and holdeth the lives of men and nations in the hollow of his hands. Those Comrades of ours are holding their reunion on the other side of the great divide where you and I will soon join them.

Blessed are we, thrice blessed that we have lived to see the psalmists prophesy of peace fulfilled. The bitterness and prejudice of the war is practically now fading from our view and we have all over this broad land, peace.

Peace in the quiet valleys made richly fertile by the blood of men,
Peace in the woodland, in the lonely glen,
Peace in the peopled dales,
Peace in the crowded towns.
Peace in ten thousand fields of waving grain,
Peace in the highway and the flowering lane,
Peace o'er the wind swept down,
Peace in the whirring marsh,
Peace where the scholar think the huntsman roams,
And peace, Oh, Angels of peace, sweet peace,
In all our homes and all our hearts.

I thank you.

Assistant Adjutant General Fayette Wyckoff rendered in a very acceptable manner the song. "The Old Flag Never Touched the Ground" and for an encore sang the piece so pleasing to the Veterans, "Comrades Have You Got The Countersign."

Comrade Lee made some announcements of the program for tomorrow.

The Ladies W. R. C. Quartette rendered another one of their fine pieces, responding to an encore they sang "Auld Lang Syne" in which the audience joined heartily, thus closing a most interesting and inspiring Campfire.

MEMORIAL ROLL.

ROLL OF DEAD—DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN.

FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1911.

JOHN A. LOGAN POST NO. 1, SOLDIERS' HOME.

Name.	Rank.	Organization.	Date of death.	Residence.
None reported.				

C. O. LOOMIS POST NO. 2, QUINCY.

John C. Iles	Private	Co. 1st Mich. Infantry	July 28, 1911.	Quincy.
William Crapo	Private	Co. 1st Wis. Cavalry	Aug. 26, 1911.	Quincy.

N. B. TERRY POST NO. 3, WHITEHALL.

Catlin, Sage A.	Private	Co. K, 39th Wis. Infantry	Feb. 1911.	Whitehall.
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PHILSHERIDAN POST NO. 4, READING.

Nichols, D.	Private	Co. 18th Mich. Infantry	April 1911.	Reading.
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CUSTER POST NO. 5, GRAND RAPIDS.

Welden, Jos. H.	Private	Co. B, 128th Ohio Infantry	Dec. 25, 1910.	Grand Rapids.
Runnion, Peter W.	Private	Co. I, 9th Mich. Cavalry	Feb. 22, 1911.	Grand Rapids.
West, Byron D.	Private	Co. A, 6th Ohio Infantry	Mar. 6, 1911.	California.
Verdier, T. A. S.	Captain	Co. H, 27th Wis. Infantry	Mar. 8, 1911.	Grand Rapids.
Phelps, Geo. B.	Private	Co. D, 1st Ill. Artillery	April 4, 1911.	Grand Rapids.
Everett, Ed. P.	Sergeant	Co. I, 9th Mich. Cavalry	April 20, 1911.	Grand Rapids.
Keate, Ed. J.	A. M. Mate	U. S. N., Miss. Squadron	May 19, 1911.	Grand Rapids.
Bush, A. S. T.	Private	Co. H, 25th Mich. Infantry	Dec. 3, 1911.	Grand Rapids.
Welton, Andrew	Private	Co. B, 128th Ohio Infantry	Dec. 23, 1911.	Walker Twp.
Pfister, John.	Private	Co. A, 1st W. Va. Light Artillery	Dec. 24, 1911.	Kalamasoo.

C. J. DICKINSON POST NO. 6, HILLSDALE.

Beach, Hiram R.	Private	Co. H, 10th Mich. Infantry	Sept. 20, 1911.	Hillsdale.
Talley, Isaac.	Sergeant	Co. G, 115th Ill. Infantry	Oct. 1911.	Hillsdale.
Freed, Henry.	Private	Co. D, 2d Mich. Infantry	Sept. 13, 1911.	Hillsdale.
Morehouse, Silas.	Private	Co. E, 112th N. Y. Infantry	Dec. 8, 1911.	Hillsdale.

PHIL KEARNEY POST NO. 7, MUSKEGON.

Johnson, W. G.	Private	16th Mich. Infantry	Feb. 2, 1911.	Muskegon.
McHale Alex.	Private	Co. C, 26th Mich. Infantry	Mar. 4, 1911.	Sol. Home, Col.
Watson, W. G.	Private	Co. G, 1st Vt. Cavalry	Mar. 18, 1911.	Muskegon.
Bonnett, John.	Private	Co. I, 15th Ohio Infantry	April 10, 1911.	Muskegon.
Brown, Habley.	Private	Co. C, 13th Conn. Infantry	May 8, 1911.	Muskegon.
Patten, L. E.	Private	Co. A, 12th Ill. Cavalry	Sept. 22, 1911.	Muskegon.
Davis, John.	Private	Co. F, 1st W. Virginia Infantry	Oct. 8, 1911.	Muskegon.

CHAS. H. TOWNE POST NO. 8, ISHPEMING.

Name.	Rank.	Organization.	Date of death.	Residence.
Heiser, Martin.....	Private.....	Co. E, 16 Mich. Infantry.....	Mar. 12, 1911. Age 89.	Negaunee.

WM. BELL POST NO. 10, DUNDEE.

Lafier, Warren.....	Private.....	Co. D, 7th Mich. Infantry.....	Jan. 24, 1911.	Dundee.
Dumphy, Theresa.....	Private.....	Co. —.....	Mar. 22, 1911.	Dundee.

ROBERTS POST NO. 11, BANCROFT.

Burghdey, Wm.....	Private.....	N. Y. Heavy Artillery.....	May 1, 1910.	Bancroft.
Pearsall, Geo.....	Private.....	Co. E, 10th Mich. Cavalry.....	April 30 1911.	Bancroft.

RYDER POST NO. 12, DEERFIELD.

Bragg, Nathan.....	Sergeant.....	Co. — 15th Mich. Infantry.....	May 22, 1911.	Deerfield.
Christ, Adam H.....	Private.....	Co. —, 15th Mich. Infantry.....	June 17, 1911.	Raisin Twp.

GEO. H. THOMAS POST NO. 14, BENTON HARBOR.

Sterling, John F.....	Private.....	Co. I, 20th Ohio Infantry.....	July 3, 1911.	Benton Harbor.
Simon, Geo. B.....	Corporal.....	Co. E, 21st N. Y. Cavalry.....	Sept. 12, 1911.	Benton Harbor.
Richardson, W. P.....	Private.....	Co. C, 25th Mich. Infantry.....	Mar. 12, 1911.	Millburg.

PAP WILLIAMS POST NO. 15, LUDINGTON.

Dexter, James H.....	Private.....	Co. K, 9th Mich. Cavalry.....	June 9, 1911.	Ludington.
Moore, Michael.....	Private.....	Co. A, N. Y. Cavalry.....	June 29, 1911.	Ludington.
Weimer, George.....	Captain.....	Co. I, 21st Mich. Infantry.....	Dec. 11, 1911.	Ludington.

FAIRBANKS POST NO. 17, DETROIT.

Thompson, Jos. G.....	Private.....	Co. C, 24 Mich. Infantry.....	Jan. 5, 1911.	Detroit.
Lynch, John F.....	Corporal.....	Co. L, 2d Ill. Artillery.....	Jan. 6, 1911.	Detroit.
Eberts, Herman F.....	Private.....	Co. A, 1st Mich. Infantry.....	Feb. 23, 1911.	Detroit.
Baldwin, Henry P.....	Q. M. S.....	192d N. Y. Infantry.....	Mar. 1, 1911.	Detroit.
Scott, James R.....	Gun. Mate.....	U. S. Navy.....	Mar. 9, 1911.	Detroit.
Hart, William.....	Private.....	Co. A, 57th Ohio Infantry.....	Mar. 17, 1911.	Detroit.
Wilkinson, John B.....	Private.....	Co. A, 19th U. S. Infantry.....	April 18, 1911.	Detroit.
Newman, Stephen R.....	Sd Lieutenant.....	Co. B, 66th N. Y. Infantry.....	May 16, 1911.	Detroit.
Walker, Henry W.....	Q. M. S.....	2d Mich. Cavalry.....	May 20, 1911.	Detroit.
Claxton, Wm. C.....	Sergeant.....	Co. A, 1st Mo. Eng.....	May 21, 1911.	Detroit.
Poutney, Peter.....	Private.....	Co. E, 8th Mich. Infantry.....	May 21, 1911.	Detroit.
Hanrahan, Pierce.....	Musician.....	Co. K, 1st U. S. Infantry.....	May 25, 1911.	Detroit.
Randolph, Archibald B.....	Sergeant.....	Co. A, 33d N. Y. Infantry.....	May 28, 1911.	Detroit.
Phelps, Francis M.....	Private.....	Co. D, 11 Mich. Infantry.....	June 15, 1911.	Detroit.
Finlayson, B. R.....	Sergeant.....	Co. K, 24th Mich. Infantry.....	June 21, 1911.	Detroit.
Klein, Henry.....	Private.....	Co. F, 29th Mich. Infantry.....	Sept. 22, 1911.	Detroit.
Conley, Wm. B.....	Private.....	Co. A, 1st Mich. Eng. and M.....	Oct. 12, 1911.	Detroit.
Leonhardt, Henry.....	Private.....	Co. A, 2d Mich. Infantry.....	Oct. 14, 1911.	Detroit.
O'Shea, Daniel.....	Seaman.....	U. S. Navy.....	Nov. 21, 1911.	Detroit.
Hopkins, Chas. C.....	Private.....	Co. B, 2d Mich. Infantry.....	Dec. 16, 1911.	Detroit.
Carey, Geo. L.....	Private.....	Co. I, 24th Mich. Infantry.....	Dec. 19, 1911.	Detroit.

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McPHERSON POST NO. 18, TRAVERSE CITY.

Name.	Rank.	Organisation.	Date of death.	Residence.
Chase, E. E.	Private.	Co. —, 3d Minn. Inf't.	Jan. 11, 1911.	Traverse City.
Sackett, M. W.	Private.	Co. —, 45th Penn. Infantry.	Nov. 24, 1911.	Soldiers' Home. Grand Rapids.

A. LINCOLN POST NO. 19, BANGOR.

Allen, Sherwood D.	Private.	Co. E, 137th Ohio Infantry.	Nov. 8, 1911.	Arlington Twp.
Hettman, Jacob R.	Private.	Co. G, 19th Wis. Infantry.	July 17, 1911.	Arlington Twp.
Hubbard, Wm. H.	Private.	Co. G, 19th Mich. Infantry.	Aug. 8, 1911.	Bangor.
Stineman, Andrew B.	Private.	Co. E, 21st Ohio Infantry.	April 10, 1911.	Bangor.

ELLSWORTH POST NO. 20, HARTFORD.

Hiram, T.	Private.	Co. F, 13th Mich. Infantry.	Jan. 26, 1911.	Hartford.
Pool, Daniel.	Private.	Co. C, 2d N. Y. S. S. ....	.....	Hartford.

A. W. CHIPMAN POST NO. 21, ST. JOSEPH.

Aber, Daniel G.	Private. ....	.....	Nov. 23, 1911.	St. Joseph.
Morlock, Frank.	Sergeant.	Co. —, 19th Mich. Infantry.	Nov. 8, 1911.	St. Joseph.

WM. FERROTT POST NO. 22, BUCHANAN.

Shook, John.	Private.	Co. E, 1st Mich. Light Artillery.	Mar. 1, 1911.	Buchanan.
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COL. FENTON POST NO 24, FENTON.

Freeman, Milo.	Private.	Co. E, 128th Ind. Infantry.	Feb. 3, 1911.	Fenton.
Doremán, Phillip.	Private.	Co. B, 36th N. Y. Infantry.	May 23, 1911.	Detroit, Hosp'l.
Welch, John S.	Private.	Co. B, 8th Mich. Infantry.	June 7, 1911.	Deerfield.
Chapel, Simon B.	Corporal.	Co. B, 3d Mich. Infantry.	Nov. 23, 1911.	Fenton.
Burns, Chas. E.	Private.	Co. K, 8th Mich. Infantry.	Nov. 30, 1911.	Fenton.

BURNSIDE POST NO. 27, DECATUR.

Rawson, Silas M.	Vet. Surgeon.	Co. C, 4th Mich. Cavalry.	Mar. 24, 1911.	Decatur.
Johnson, John.	Private.	Co. H, 2d Mich. Infantry.	July 17, 1911.	Tennessee.
Ticeont, Elias.	Private.	Co. K, 154th Ill. Vol. Infantry.	Aug. 7, 1911.	Wolverine.
Lusk, Alson.	Private.	Co. F, 3d Mich. Cavalry.	April 12, 1911.	Soldiers' Home, Mich.

A. L. CARVER POST NO. 28, HEMLOCK.

Homer, Henry.	Private.	Co. —, 6th Mich. Heavy Artillery.	Dec. 17, 1911.	Hemlock.
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CHAMPLIN POST NO. 29, GRAND RAPIDS.

Wheeler, John.	Private.	Co. —, 3d Mich. Infantry.	Oct. 21, 1911.	Grand Rapids.
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BROADHEAD POST NO. 31, PAW PAW.

Le Sure, Wm. H.	Private.	Co. G, 25th Mich. Infantry.	Mar. 28, 1911.	Paw Paw.
Heckert, Benj. F.	Lieutenant.	Co. K, 16th Ohio Infantry.	April 12, 1911.	Paw Paw.
Brown, Jesse M.	Private.	Co. A, 13th Mich. Infantry.	April 13, 1911.	Paw Paw.

FARRAGUT POST NO. 32, BATTLE CREEK.

Name.	Rank.	Organization.	Date of death.	Residence.
Warner, G. W.	Sergeant.	Co. K, 26th Mich. Infantry.	April 27, 1911.	Battle Creek.
Wilde, H. B.	Private.	Co. F, 1st Berdan S. S.	Sept. 1911.	Battle Creek.
Frey, James.	Private.	Co. C, 2d Mich. Infantry.	Aug. 1911.	Battle Creek.
Rusler, Philip.	Private.	Co. I, 19th Ohio Infantry.	Oct. 4, 1911.	Battle Creek.

W. G. EATON POST NO. 34, OTSEGO.

Haight, Timothy V.	Private.	Co. K, 8th Mich. Cavalry.	Mar. 4, 1911.	Otsego.
Annable, John A.	Private.	Co. A, 11th Mich. Cavalry.	Jan. 31, 1911.	Otsego.

ZAC CHANDLER POST NO. 35, SOUTH HAVEN.

Fenton, A. W.	Private.	Co. I, 122 Ill. Infantry.	Feb. 6, 1911.	South Haven.
Frisce, W. S.	Private.	Co. H, 10th Pa. Infantry.	May 12, 1911.	South Haven.

GEO. L. MEAD POST NO. 36, BERRIEN CENTER.

McCullough, J. K. P.	Private.	Penn.	Nov. 11, 1911.	Berrien Center.
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STANTON POST NO. 37, STANTON.

Lorson, John.	Private.	Co. —, 48th Penn. Infantry.	June 26, 1911.	Stanton.
Martin, Andrew.	Private.	Co. —, 76 Penn. Infantry.	Oct. 7, 1911.	Stanton.

SAGINAW POST NO. 38, SAGINAW.

Clark, Charles.	Private.	Co. F, 24th Mich. Infantry.	Feb. 21, 1911.	Saginaw.
Halsey, David K.	2d Lieutenant.	Co. B, 5th Mich. Infantry.	Feb. 11, 1911.	Saginaw.
Peacock, Henry B.	Private.	Co. K, 1st Ohio Light Artillery.	Nov. 3, 1911.	Saginaw.
Sutherland, Reuben.	Private.	Co. D, 10th Mich. Cavalry.	Feb. 3, 1911.	Saginaw.
Saylor, Thomas.	Colonel.	29th Mich. Infantry.	July 18, 1911.	Saginaw.
Schmittler, Chas. F.	Private.	Co. D, 29th Mich. Infantry.	Feb. 19, 1911.	Moline, Ill.
Lyon Farnham.	Major.	7th Mich. Cavalry.	Feb. 14, 1911.	Saginaw.
Ewin Milton.	Captain.	Co. I, 1st Wis. Infantry.	Feb. 1, 1911.	Saginaw.

A. S. WILLIAMS POST NO. 40, CHARLOTTE.

Hagerman, John S.	Private.	Co. G, 68 Ohio Infantry.	Jan. 12, 1911.	Charlotte.
Allen, Giles B.	Sergt. Major.	Co. F, 6th Mich. Heavy Artillery.	Jan. 1911.	Charlotte.
Bigley, John.	Private.	Co. E, 35 Ohio Infantry.	April 1911.	Charlotte.
Pitinger, Wm.	Private.	Co. B, 102d Ohio Infantry.	May 22, 1911.	Charlotte.
Turner, Loren H.	Private.	Co. F, 9th Mich. Infantry.	Sept. —, 1911.	Charlotte.
Frank, John.	Private.	Co. —, 19th Ohio Infantry.	Oct. —, 1911.	Charlotte.
Rath, Wm. H.	Private.	Co. I, 2d Mo. Cavalry.	Nov. —, 1911.	Charlotte.

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R. P. CARPENTER POST NO 41, CHELSEA.

Name.	Rank.	Organization.	Date of death.	Residence.
One.....		No name given.....		

CHAS. T. FOSTER POST NO. 42, LANSING.

Corwin, W. W.....	Private.....	Co. B, 7th Mich. Infantry.....	Jan. 8, 1911.	Lansing.
Dryer, Allen.....	Private.....	Co. G, 6th Mich. Cavalry.....	Jan. 14, 1911.	Bath.
Wadsworth, Isaac.....	Corporal.....	Co. I, 168th Penn. Infantry.....	Jan. 11, 1911.	Webberville.
Chandler, Orson A.....	Private.....	Co. G, 3d Mich. Cavalry.....	Feb. 15, 1911.	Lansing.
Miller, Herbert F.....	Private.....	Co. C, 2d Mich. Infantry.....	Feb. 25, 1911.	Holt.
Risdon, Josiah.....	Private.....	Co. C, 1st Cal. Cavalry.....	Mar. 5, 1911.	Fowlerville.
Slocum, James M.....	Private.....	Co. G, 20th Mich. Infantry.....	Mar. 20, 1911.	Lansing.
Loomis, Anson P.....	Private.....	Co. G, 12th Mich. Infantry.....	Mar. 31, 1911.	Lansing.
Chadwick, E. C.....	Private.....	Co. A, 3d R. I. Infantry.....	April 3, 1911.	Lansing.
Cornell, Homer H.....	Private.....	Co. F, 28th Mich. Infantry.....	May 1, 1911.	Lansing.
Haverland, James M.....	Sergeant.....	Co. A, 20th Mich. Infantry.....	July 12, 1911.	Lansing.
Welcher, Wm. W.....	Private.....	Co. H, 2d Ohio Cavalry.....	July 23, 1911.	Lansing.
Wedge, Wm. R.....	Private.....	Co. D, 76th N. Y. Infantry.....	July 30, 1911.	Lansing.
Cooley, Nathan L.....	Private.....	Co. F, 8th Mich. Cavalry.....	Oct. 29, 1911.	Lansing.
Barnes, Thomas J.....	Private.....	Co. C, 3d New H. Infantry.....	Nov. 21, 1911.	Lansing.
Hunt, L. L. B.....	Private.....	Co. A, 18th U. S. Infantry.....	Dec. 11, 1911.	Lansing.

SCOTT POST NO. 43, BLISSFIELD.

Smead, G. A.....	Private.....	Co. —, 18th Ohio Infantry.....	Feb. 2, 1911.	Blissfield.
Fisher, Peter.....	Private.....	Co. —, 1st Mich. Eng. & M.....	Aug. 27, 1911.	Blissfield.
Partel, Enos.....	Private.....	Co. —, 68th Ohio Infantry.....	Oct. 8, 1911.	Blissfield.

WOODBURY POST NO. 45, ADRIAN.

Chase, Isaac M.....	Private.....	Co. K, 27th Mich. Infantry.....	Feb. 17, 1911.	Adrian.
Davis, John B.....	Private.....	Co. B, 18th Mich. Infantry.....	Mar. 19, 1911.	Adrian.
Terry, Silas.....	Private.....	Co. I, 67th Ohio Infantry.....	April 16, 1911.	Adrian.
Messler, John.....	Private.....	Co. D, 6th Mich. Heavy Artillery.....	April 28, 1911.	Adrian.
Rice, Darius.....	Private.....	Co. I, 1st. Mich. Cavalry.....	May 10, 1911.	Adrian.
Edwards, James.....	Private.....	Co. C, 9th Mich. Infantry.....	May 28, 1911.	Adrian.

JACOB G. FOY POST NO. 46, GANGES.

Hooper, A.....	Private.....	N. Y.....	Jan. —, 1911.	Ganges.
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EDWARD POMEROY POST NO, 48, JACKSON.

Barber, Warren.....	Private.....	Co. —, 103d Ohio Infantry.....	Jan. 1, 1911.	Jackson.
Williams, Thos. H.....	Private.....	Co. —, 25th Wis. Infantry.....	April 24, 1911.	Jackson.
Chamberlin, Lewis.....	Private.....		May 21, 1911.	Jackson.
Harris, Isaac.....	Private.....		June 22, 1911.	Jackson.
Evans, Ira.....	Private.....	Co. E, 1st Mich. S. S.....	July 6, 1911.	Jackson.
Osborn, C. W.....	Private.....	Co. F, 5th N. Y. Cavalry.....	Aug. 27, 1911.	Jackson.
Tingley, Jacob C.....	Private.....	Co. H, 24 Mich. Infantry.....	Dec. 29, 1911.	Jackson.

WADSWORTH POST NO. 49, LAWRENCE.

Lamphere, Lorun E.....	Private.....	Co. C, 3d Mich. Cavalry.....	Jan. 12, 1911.	Lawrence.
Hardmun, Elmer.....	Corporal.....	Co. E, 1st W. Va. Cavalry.....	Mar. 8, 1911.	Lawrence.
Sweet, Thomas O.....	Corporal.....	Co. D, 6th Mich. Heavy Artillery.....	Aug. 1, 1911.	Lawrence.

PHIL McKERNAN POST NO. 53, MASON.

Name.	Rank.	Organization.	Date of death.	Residence.
Tichurst, Alfred.....	Seaman.....	U. S. Vessel Curlew.....	Jan. 2, 1911.	Mason.

CAPT. H. BARROWS POST NO. 55, ARMADA.

Sibley, Ezra F.....	Sergeant.....	Co. A, 9th Mich. Infantry.....	May 17, 1911.	Armada, Mich.
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C. J. BASSETT POST NO. 56, ALLEGAN.

Mabbs, Robert.....	Sergeant.....	Co. B, 19th Mich. Infantry.....	Aug. 16, 1911.	Allegan.
Smith, Geo. H.....	Private.....	Co. I, 5th Mich. Cavalry.....	Feb. 1, 1911.	Grand Rapids.

THOMAS MANNING POST NO. 57, MARCELLUS.

Little, John H.....	Private.....	Co. —, 7th Mich. Cavalry.....	July 17, 1911.	Marcellus.
Whittaker, John.....	Private.....	U. S. Infantry.....	July 27, 1911.	Marcellus.
Snyder, Reuben D.....	Private.....	Co. —, 1st Mich. Engineer.....	Nov. 29, 1911.	Marcellus.
Underwood, Enos.....	Private.....	Co. A, 19th Mich. Infantry.....	Date not given	Marcellus.

A. COLVIN POST NO. 59, GOBLEVILLE.

Cackler, Otis.....	Private.....	Co. I, 1st Mich. Cavalry.....	Not given....	
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DEWEY POST NO. 60, LESLIE.

Graham, James.....	Private.....	Co. E, 24th Mich. Infantry.....	July 26, 1911.	Leslie.
Bennett, Wm. F.....	Private.....	Co. —, 24th Mo. Infantry.....	Dec. 3, 1911.	Leslie.

STEVENS POST NO. 66, EAST JORDAN.

Hauer, Geo. W.....	Private.....	Co. F, 125th N. Y. Infantry.....	Aug. 12, 1911.	East Jordan.
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U. S. GRANT POST NO. 67, BAY CITY.

Hall, Sidney.....	Private.....		Aug. 7, 1911.	Bay City.
Boreland, N. J.....	Private.....		June 8, 1911.	Bay City.
Miller, S. H.....	Private.....		July 4, 1911.	Bay City.

SHIELDS POST NO. 68, SHELBY.

Logan, John M.....	Private.....	Co. K, 16th N. Y. Infantry.....	Mar. 8, 1911.	Shelby.
Reamer, Wm. H.....	Private.....	Co. G, 24th N. Y. Infantry.....	June 2, 1911.	Shelby.
Eaton, John.....	Private.....	Co. A, 21st Ohio Infantry.....	Dec. 29, 1911.	Shelby.

ED. M. PRUTZMAN POST NO. 72, THREE RIVERS.

Bovee, Jos. W.....			Mar. 26, 1911.	Three Rivers.
Buck, Geo. W.....	Corporal.....	Co. H, 13th Mich. Infantry.....	Sept. 16, 1911.	Three Rivers.
Francis, Ransom N.....	Corporal.....	Co. H, 46th Wis. Infantry.....	Nov. 15, 1911.	Three Rivers.
Youngs, Jackson.....	Private.....	Co. B, 124th Ohio Infantry.....	Dec. 25, 1911.	Three Rivers.
Rauk, Josiah.....	Private.....	Co. C, 1st Pa. Light Artillery.....	Dec. 27, 1911.	Three Rivers.

A. B. STURGIS POST NO. 73, STURGIS.

Name.	Rank.	Organisation.	Date of death.	Residence.
Amidon, E. S.	Private	Co. E, 19th Mich. Infantry	Not given	
Howard, Wm. H.		Not given		

JOSEPH B. SMITH POST NO. 76, MONROE.

Solean, F. X.	Major	15th Mich. Infantry	Mar. 6, 1911.	Monroe.
Hagans, Wm.	Private	Co. E, 120th Ohio Infantry	Dec. 13, 1911.	Monroe.

FRANK HICKS POST NO. 78, DANSVILLE.

Lee, Hiram D.	Private	Co. —, 26th Mich. Infantry	Oct. 24, 1911.	
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ORCUTT POST NO. 79, KALAMAZOO.

Crane, E. D.	Private	4th Mich. Cavalry	Feb. 2, 1911.	Kalamazoo.
Doxtader, Charles	Private	97th N. Y. Infantry	April 4, 1911.	Kalamazoo.
Wright, Warren	Private	1st N. Y. Engineers	June 6, 1911.	Kalamazoo.
Seibert, Geo.	Private	9th N. Y. Heavy Artillery	June 28, 1911.	Kalamazoo.
Crocker, Geo. F.	Private	36th N. Y. Infantry	Oct. 7, 1911.	Kalamazoo.
Forbes, Chas.	Private	25th Mich. Infantry	Nov. 17, 1911.	Kalamazoo.

HARLOW BRIGGS POST NO. 80, HOPKINS.

Finch, Myron C.	Private	Co. —, 13th Mich. Infantry	Sept. 7, 1911.	Hopkins.
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COL. JEFFORDS POST NO. 82, NASHVILLE.

Crittenden, David H.	Private	Co. C, 115 N. Y. Infantry	Jan. 24, 1911.	Baltimore Twp.
Evans, Eli F.	1st Lieut.	Co. E, 28th Mich. Infantry	Mar. 23, 1911.	Three Rivers.
Lapham, Gilbert.	Private	Co. B, 23d Ill. Infantry	Sept. 28, 1911.	Nashville.

W. A. KENT POST NO. 83, GREENVILLE.

Raub, Geo.	Private	Co. —, 15th N. Y. Engineers	Mar. 12, 1911.	Greenville.
Smith, George	Private	Co. —, 9th Mich. Infantry	April 23, 1911.	Greenville.
Tinkham, Reubin	Private	177 Ohio Infantry	Aug. 14, 1911.	Greenville.

COL. BAKER POST NO. 84, KALKASKA.

Kellogg, Warren	Private	Co. D, 5th N. Y. Heavy Artillery	April 8, 1911.	Kalkaska.
McFarren, Wm. C.	Private	Co. D, 14th Mich. Infantry	April 11, 1911.	Kalkaska.
Groves, N. B.	Private	Co. B, 40th Ind. Infantry	April 28, 1911.	Kalkaska.

GEN. LYON POST NO. 86, MANCERLONA.

Lazell, D. W.	Private	Co. H, 6th Mich. Infantry	June 18, 1911.	Mancelona.
Chapman, Eugene	Private	Co. D, 166th Ohio Infantry	Aug. 6, 1911.	Mancelona.
Hopkins, Henry C.	Private	Co. I, 123d N. Y. Infantry	Dec. 23, 1911.	Mancelona.

JOSEPH WILSON POST NO. 87, LOWELL.

Name.	Rank.	Organization.	Date of death.	Residence.
Lampman, Henry.....	Private.....	Co. D, 1st Mich. Eng. & M.....	June 1, 1911.	Lowell.
Burns, Levi.....	Private.....	Co. B, 25th Mich. Infantry.....	April 12, 1911.	Lowell.
Josephs, Isaac.....	Private.....	Co. F, Ohio Infantry.....	April 20, 1911.	Lowell.

CORBIN POST NO. 88, UNION CITY.

Wallace, R. B.....	Private.....	Co. C, 19th Mich. Infantry.....	May 7, 1911.	Union City.
Carr, Charles.....	Private.....	Co. B, 25th Mich. Infantry.....	Sept. 10, 1911.	Union City.
Dubendorf, Wm.....	Sergeant.....	Co. A, 1st Mich. Light Artillery.....	Nov. 12, 1911.	Union City.
Stafford, C. W.....	Private.....	Co. D, 1st Mich. Light Artillery.....	Dec. 12, 1911.	Union City.

RANSOM POST NO. 89, FLUSHING.

Wheeler, John.....	Private.....	Co. G, 4th Mich. Infantry.....	Dec. 30, 1911.	St. Cloud, Fla.
Crosby, Albert.....	Corporal.....	Co. B, 1st Mich. Light Artillery.....	Aug. 15, 1911.	Flushing.

J. N. PENoyer POST NO. 90, SAGINAW, W. S.

Wellington, James H.....	Private.....	Co. B, 16th Mich. Infantry.....	July 26, 1911.	Saginaw, W. S.
Miehleder, Wm. L.....	Private.....	Co. E, 3d N. Y. Artillery.....	Oct. 13, 1911.	Saginaw, W. S.

WM. D. WILKINS POST NO. 91, ST. LOUIS.

Folkes, Joseph.....	Private.....	Co. I, 121st Ohio Infantry.....	Not given.	
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WALLACE POST NO. 95, FLAT ROCK.

Hicks, John.....	Private.....	Co. I, 13th Mich. Infantry.....	Oct. 3, 1911.	New Boston.
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CARTER POST NO. 96, UNION.

Foster, Ross C.....	Private.....	Co. K, 7th Penn. Cavalry.....	Dec. 18, 1911.	Union.
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WM. SANBORN POST NO. 98, PORT HURON.

Burgess, J. R.....	Private.....	Co. G, 1st Mich. Light Artillery.....	Dec. 16, 1910.	Port Huron.
Dempeter, John.....	Private.....	Co. H, 14th Mich. Infantry.....	Mar. —, 1911.	Port Huron.
Boynnton, N. S.....	Major.....	8th Mich. Cavalry.....	June —, 1911.	Port Huron.

W. W. DRESSER POST NO. 100, LYONS.

Gallop William S.....	Private.....	Co. E, 3d Mich. Infantry.....	May 16, 1911.	Muir.
Williams, John G.....	Private.....	Co. E, 1st Mich. Light Artillery.....	July 29, 1911.	Muir.
Bell, Geo.....	Private.....	Co. H, 81st N. Y. Infantry.....	July 15, 1911.	Muir.
Thayer, E. N.....	Private.....	Co. E, 8th N. Y. Light Artillery.....	July 4, 1911.	Lyons.

MOSES WISNER POST NO. 101, ITHACA.

Whitton, J. B.....	Private.....	Co. B, 128 Ohio Vol. Infantry.....	April 6, 1911.	Ithaca.
Curtis, Albro.....	Private.....	Co. A, 8th Mich. Infantry.....	May 15, 1911.	Ithaca.

Name.	Rank.	Organization.	Date of death.	Residence.
Vanosdall, John.....	Private.....	Co. K, 102d Ohio Infantry.....	June 19, 1911.	Dimondale.

EARL HALBERT POST 108, GRAND LEDGE.

Barnum, A. P.....	Private.....	Co. E, 3d Mich. Infantry.....	Aug. 11, 1911.	Grand Ledge.
Cole, Stephen A.....	Private.....	Co. I, 1st Mich. Eng. & M.....	Nov. 23, 1911.	Six Lakes.
Marietta, John.....	Private.....	Co. E, 120th Ohio Infantry.....	Sept. 25, 1911.	Eagle.
Kelley, John H.....	Private.....	Co. E, 68th Ohio Infantry.....	Nov. 2, 1911.	Grand Ledge.
Maltby, Chancy S.....	Private.....	Co. B, 2d U. S. Sharp Shooters.....	Sept. 15, 1911.	Grand Ledge.
Hulee, Benjamin.....	Private.....	Co. I, 7th Mich. Cavalry.....	Aug. 3, 1911.	Grand Ledge.

BUTTERWORTH POST NO. 109, COLDWATER.

Cluff, C. D.....	Private.....	Co. B, 11th Mich. Infantry.....	Feb. 18, 1911.	Coldwater.
Setter, Andrew.....	Private.....	Co. C, 11th Mich. Infantry.....	Mar. 10, 1911.	Chicago, Ill.
Button, John F.....	Private.....	Co. C, 1st Mich. Light Artillery.....	June 5, 1911.	Coldwater.
Nye, Ludovic M.....	Private.....	Co. E, 1st Mich. Infantry.....	July 2, 1911.	Coldwater.
Hurst, W. H.....	Private.....	Co. G, 1st Mich. Light Artillery.....	July 28, 1911.	Coldwater.
Dillingham, L. A.....	Lieutenant.....	Co. I, 122d N. Y. Infantry.....	Sept. 3, 1911.	Stanton.
Cook, Daniel.....	Private.....	Co. E, 1st Mich. Infantry.....	Nov. 3, 1911.	Mich. Sol. Home.
Parker, John N.....	Private.....	Co. A, 129th Ind. Infantry.....	Oct. 2, 1911.	Goshen, Ind.

DE GOLYER POST 110, HUDSON.

Laversa Lester.....	Private.....	Co. B, 18th Mich. Infantry.....	June 15, 1911.	Hudson.
Smith, Eugene G.....	Private.....	Co. I, 30th Mich. Infantry.....	Aug. 7, 1911.	Hudson.

JAS. B. BRAINARD POST NO. 111, EATON RAPIDS.

Randall, Ashley.....	Private.....	Co. I, 8th N. Y. Heavy Artillery.....	Jan. 8, 1911.	Eaton Rapids.
Smith, Valous M.....	Private.....	Co. A, 21d Mich. Infantry.....	Mar. 6, 1911.	Eaton Rapids.
McNutt, Henry S.....	Private.....	Co. A, 35th Ohio Vol. Infantry.....	May 7, 1911.	Eaton Rapids.
Jewitt, Lester E.....	Private.....	Co. B, 8th Mich. Infantry.....	May 29, 1911.	Eaton Rapids.
Reese, James.....	Private.....	Co. B, 28th Mich. Infantry.....	Oct. 27, 1911.	Eaton Rapids.
Hatfield, John Y.....	Private.....	Co. D, 59th Ind. Infantry.....	July 3, 1911.	Eaton Rapids.
Hulsberg, William.....	Private.....	Co. G, 20th Mich. Infantry.....	Aug. 29, 1911.	Lansing.
Toffany, H. M.....	Private.....	Co. H, 4th N. Y. Light Artillery.....	Dec. 15, 1911.	Shepherd Mich.

JOHN GILLULY POST NO. 114, FOWLerville.

Converse, Geo. D.....	Private.....	Co. D, 9th Mich. Infantry.....	April —, 1911.	Fowlerville.
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D. G. BOYCE POST NO. 117, BYRON.

Bishop, H. L.....	Private.....	Co. B, 15th Mich. Infantry.....	May 16, 1911.	Byron.
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WADELL POST NO. 120, HOWELL.

Allen, Bracket J.....	Private.....	Co. K, 23d Mich. Infantry.....	Jan. 27, 1911.	Howell.
Robinson, David.....	Private.....	Co. I, 5th Mich. Infantry.....	Aug. 7, 1911.	Howell.

PAP THOMAS POST NO. 121, CHESANING.

Name.	Rank.	Organization.	Date of death.	Residence.
Black, Leonard.....	Private.....	Co. A, 14th Mich. Infantry.....	April 7, 1911.	Indianapolis, Ind.
Cole, Merrit N.....	Private.....	Co. H, 151st N. Y. Infantry.....	April 25, 1911.	Chesaning.
Miller, Arnold W.....	Corporal.....	Co. G, 3d Mich. Cavalry.....	Mar. 29, 1911.	Oakley.
Piper, George.....	Private.....	Co. F, 1st N. Y. Artillery.....	April 16, 1911.	Chesaning.
Zink, Peter.....	Private.....	Co. A, 98th N. Y. Infantry.....	Jan. 3, 1911.	Brady.
Smith, Andrew S.....	Sergeant.....	Co. C, 23d Mich. Infantry.....	Dec. 23, 1911.	Chesaning.

FITZGERALD POST NO. 125, HASTINGS.

Seeley, Warren.....	Private.....	Co. C, 1st Cal. Cavalry.....	Oct. —, 1911.	Hastings.
Trask, H. H.....	Captain.....	Co. B, 18th Mich. Infantry.....	Nov. 7, 1911.	Hastings.
De Planty, F.....	Private.....	Co. E, 3d Mich. Infantry.....	Nov. 11, 1911.	Hastings.
L. D. Mosier.....	Private.....	Co. —, 66th Ill. Infantry.....	Sept. 12, 1911.	Hastings.
Meeker, Isaac.....	Seaman.....	U. S. Steamer Ozark.....	Dec. 1, 1911.	Hastings.

BILLY BEGOLE POST NO. 127, MAPLE RAPIDS.

Webster, Carlos A.....	Private.....	Co. G, 5th Mich. Cavalry.....	Feb. 20, 1911.	Maple Rapids.
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HENRY M. LIDDLE POST NO. 131, COLON.

Lamberson, C. A.....	Private.....	Co. C, 6th Mich. Heavy Artillery.....	May 2, 1911.	Colon.
Boughton, Wm.....	Private.....	Co. B, 44th Ill. Infantry.....	July 14, 1911.	Colon.

JOHN MEGARRAH POST NO. 132, PORTLAND.

Allen, E. M.....	Captain.....	Co. —, 98th N. Y. Infantry.....	Jan. 3, 1911.	Portland.
Mann, Silas E.....	Private.....	Co. —, 148th N. Y. Infantry.....	April 24, 1911.	Portland.

FRED W. WALKER POST NO. 134, MT. MORRIS.

Benson, John R.....	Private.....	Co. F, 110th Penn. Infantry.....	July 23, 1911.	Mt. Morris.
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BARTHOLOMEW POST NO. 136, NUNICA.

Wildy, James.....	Private.....	Co. F, 1st Mich. Cavalry.....	Aug. 13, 1911.	Nunica.
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WELCH POST NO. 137, ANN ARBOR.

Pistorius Frederick.....	1st Lieut.....	9th Mich. Cavalry.....	Oct. 21, 1911.	Ann Arbor.
Jacobs, Joe T.....	1st Lieut.....	98th Ohio Infantry.....	April 11, 1911.	Detroit.
Nichols, W. W.....	Sergeant.....	98th N. Y. Infantry.....	June 1, 1911.	Ann Arbor.

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HORACE S. ROBERTS POST NO. 139, ALPENA.

Name.	Rank.	Organisation.	Date of death.	Residence.
Simmons, Andrew J.	Private.	Co. I, 101st Ohio Infantry.	Feb. 26, 1911.	Alpena.
Cole, John.	Private.	Co. G, 24th Mich. Infantry.	July —, 1911.	Alpena.

BEERS POST NO. 140, TECUMSEH.

Crittenden, Wm. M.	Private. ....	.....	Mar. 6, 1911.	Tipton, Mich.
Crittenden, Bert.	Private. ....	.....	Oct. 22, 1911.	Tipton, Mich.

A. MACOMBER POST NO. 141, LAKEVIEW.

Covey, A. R.	Private.	Co. K, 19th Mich. Infantry.	Dec. 15, 1911.	Lakeview.
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TURRELL POST NO. 144, LAPEER.

Peck, Carlton.	Lieutenant.	Co. H, 1st Mich. Eng. & M.	Oct. —, 1911.	Lapeer.
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GOV. CRAPO POST NO. 145, FLINT.

Ripley, Nelson B.	Private.	Co. H, 10th Mich. Infantry.	Jan. 12, 1911.	Flint.
Hoffman, Conrad.	Private.	Co. K, 23d Mich. Infantry.	Feb. 28, 1911.	Flint.
Danser, James C.	Private.	Co. F, 1st Mich. Infantry.	May 17, 1911.	Flint.
Johnson, Oscar.	Private.	Co. F, U. S. Artillery.	June 13, 1911.	Flint.

DICK RICHARDSON POST NO. 147, PONTIAC.

Mathews, Solomon S.	Lieut. Col.	5th Mich. Infantry.	Sept. 11, 1911.	Pontiac.
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DALHGREEN POST NO. 149, HOLTON.

Hunton, Isaac.	Private.	Co. D, 27th Mich. Infantry.	Feb. 15, 1911.	Holton.
Dereño, Edsel.	Private.	Co. B, 1st Light Artillery.	Mar. 20, 1911.	Holton.
Skeels, S. L.	Private.	Co. E, 10th Mich. Cavalry.	June 20, 1911.	Holton.

RALPH ELY POST NO. 150, SHEPHERD.

Briggs, Lathrop J.	Drummer.	Co. K, 27th Mich. Infantry.	Feb. 8, 1911.	Shepherd.
Bassett, Henry.	Private.	Co. I, 17th Mich. Infantry.	Oct. 29, 1911.	Shepherd.

HILL P. CLARK POST NO. 153, SARANAC.

Young, Alanson.	Private.	Co. —, 25th Mich. Infantry.	June 11, 1911.	Saranac.
Oberson, Peter.	Private.	Co. —, not given.	Feb. 7, 1911.	Saranac.

ALBERT ANDERSON POST NO. 157, CASSOPOLIS.

Garwood, Levi J.	Private.	Co. M, 4th Mich. Cavalry.	Sept. 7, 1911.	Brownsville, Mich.
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COL ELY POST NO. 153, ELM HALL.

Name.	Rank.	Organization.	Date of death.	Residence.
Lay, James A.	Private	Co. F, 16 N. Y. Heavy Artillery	Aug. 3, 1911.	Elm Hall.
Fullerton, Joseph W.	Private	Co. C, 7th Mich. Infantry	Nov. 17, 1911.	Elm Hall.

HENRY P. WALLACE POST NO. 160, CORUNNA.

Mattoon, G. W.	Sergeant		Feb. 7, 1911.	Vernon, Mich.
Post, D. S.	Private	23d Mich. Infantry	Mar. 17, 1911.	Corunna.

F. U. FARQUHAR POST NO. 162, DETROIT.

Demming, F. K.	Private	Co. D, 18th U. S. Infantry	June 3, 1911.	Detroit.
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EDWARD DWIGHT POST NO. 163, VERMONTVILLE.

Bale, C. G.	Private	Co. G, N. Y. Heavy Artillery	Mar. 12, 1911.	Vermontville.
Reamli, John.	Private	Co. F, 42d Ohio Infantry	April 14, 1911.	Vermontville.
Kidder, Ephraim.	Private	Co. K, 6th Mich. Heavy Artillery	Nov. 26, 1911.	Vermontville.

MURRAY POST NO. 168, MAPLE CITY.

Webb, H. C.	Private	Co. G, 15th Iowa Inf't.	Mar. 7, 1911.	Maple City.
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LOMBARD POST NO. 170, PETOSKEY.

Nelson, David F.	Private	Co. I, 9th Mich. Cavalry	Dec. 9, 1911.	Petoskey.
Smith, David.	Private	Co. I, 20th Mich. Infantry	April 5, 1911.	Petoskey.
Buckley, James.	Sergeant	Co. C, 4th Mich. Cavalry	June 15, 1911.	Petoskey.

JULIUS T. BASSETT POST NO. 173, CARSON CITY.

Akins, Alexander P.	Private	Co. C, 43d Ohio Vol. Infantry	Nov. 25, 1911.	
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E. R. STILES POST NO. 174, HANCOCK.

Baumgardner, Phil. G.	Sergeant	Co. B, 1st Mich. Cavalry	Jan. 29, 1911.	Jacobsville.
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CHAS. S. TRAVIS POST NO. 177, CAPAC.

Fairbrother, Alonzo.	Private	Co. I, 16 Mich. Infantry	Dec. 31, 1910.	Capac.
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TOM CUSTER POST NO. 178, SHERIDAN.

Mitchell, Alford C.	Private	Co. F, 3d Mich. Infantry	Sept. 9, 1911.	Sheridan.
Fero, Daniel.	Sergeant	Co. E, 6th Mich. Heavy Artillery	Nov. 4, 1911.	Sheridan.
Zimmerman, Sol.	Private	Co. I, Ohio Infantry	Oct. 18, 1911.	Saranac.
Follett, Ephraim.	Private	Co. F, 28th Mich. Infantry	Nov. 23, 1911.	Sheridan.

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DEWITT C. RUSSELL POST NO. 179, BRIGHTON.

Name.	Rank.	Organization.	Date of death.	Residence.
Featherly, Mark.....	Private.....	Cavalry.....	Nov. —, 1911.	Mt. Pleasant.

CARPENTER POST NO. 180, YPSILANTI.

Amsley, Richard.....	.....	20th Mich. Infantry.....	Dec. 18, 1911	Ypsilanti.
Kinsley, A. D. L.....	.....	9th Mich. Infantry.....	June 16, 1911	Ypsilanti.
Wallace, J. N.....	Capt.....	U. S. Colored.....	Dec. 19, 1911	Ypsilanti.

HEBER LA FAVOUR POST NO. 181, MILFORD.

Keyes, Clark C.....	Private.....	Co. I, 5th Mich. Cavalry.....	Sept. 12, 1911.	Milford.
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HENRY DOBSON POST NO. 182, FREMONT.

Fleming, William.....	Corporal.....	Co. I, 26th N. Y. Cavalry.....	Nov. 19, 1911.	Hesperia.
Tennant, Wm. F.....	Private.....	Co. I, 157th N. Y. Infantry.....	Mar. 18, 1911.	Fremont.

J. B. McPHERSON POST NO. 183, HOLLY.

Fletcher, Silas.....	Private.....	Co. —, 9th Mich. Infantry.....	July 12, 1911.	Holly.
Thompson, Dwight M.....	Private.....	Co. K, 1st Mich. S. S.....	Oct. 22, 1911.	Holly.

FRANK POWELL POST NO. 187, OXFORD.

Losey, Israel.....	Private.....	Co. —, 14th Mich. Infantry.....	July 8, 1911.	Oxford.
Nichols, H. E.....	Sergeant.....	Co. —, 1st Conn. Light Artillery.....	Sept. 19, 1911.	Oxford.
Warrin, Wm. O.....	Private.....	Co. —, 14th Mich. Infantry.....	Aug. 1, 1911.	Oxford.

GEO. C. WHITNEY POST NO. 188, HADLEY.

Trumbell, Adelbert.....	Private.....	Co. B, 13th Mich. Battery.....	Nov. —, 1910.	
Oakley, John W.....	.....	Not given.....	Feb. 14, 1911.	

WALLACE BROWN POST NO. 190, BIRCH RUN.

Moore, Wm. L.....	Sergeant.....	Co. —, 79th N. Y. Infantry.....	Sept. 15, 1911.	Bridgeport.
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O. J. FAST POST NO. 193, MENDON.

Everland, D. M.....	Private.....	Co. H, 198th Penn. Infantry.....	Feb. 8, 1911.	Mendon.
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JAMES BRADLEY POST NO. 194, CLIO.

Fox, A. E.....	Private.....	Co. —, 29th Mich. Infantry.....	Mar. 19, 1911.	Clio.
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L. C. WOODMAN POST NO. 196, LAWTON.

Baldwin, N. P.....	Private.....	Artillery.....	April 16, 1911.	Lawton.
Martin Lawrence.....	Private.....	Co. —, 7th Cavalry.....	Oct. 27, 1911.	Lawton.

PERRY BAKER POST NO. 200, CARLTON.

Name.	Rank.	Organisation.	Date of death.	Residence.
Fohneystock, Jacob.....	Sergeant.....	Co. K, 5th Mich. Cavalry.....	Mar. 29, 1911.	Carlton.
Jackson, John.....	Private.....	Co. H, 8th N. Y. Cavalry.....	Oct. 7, 1911.	So. Rockwood.

McGINLEY POST NO. 201, MANISTEE.

Shiria, Adam.....	Private.....	Co. —, 102 Penn. Infantry.....	Aug. 22, 1911.	Milwaukee, Wis.
Albro, Jonathan F.....	Private.....	Co. —, 1st U. S. S. S.....	Nov. 21, 1911.	Manistee.

ALBERT NYE POST NO. 202, ROMEO.

Hosner, Jacob H.....	Not given.		
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L. B. QUACKENBUSH POST NO. 205, OWOSSO.

Willoughby, James B.....	Drummer.....	Co. F, 123d Ohio Infantry.....	April 30, 1911.	Owosso.
Tiek, Frederick.....	Private.....	Co. B, 5th Mich. Infantry.....	June 10, 1911.	Owosso.
Taylor, John W.....	Fifer.....	Co. F, 2d Mich. Infantry.....	Oct. 8, 1911.	Owosso.
Cossitt, Chas. H.....	Private.....	Co. D, 6th Mich. Cavalry.....	Dec. 28, 1911.	Owosso.

MAJOR WEBBER POST NO. 206, BELLAIRE.

White, James.....	Private.....	Co. B, 92d O. V. Infantry.....	April 10, 1911.	Bellaire.
Bush, Geo.....	Corporal.....	Co. E, 10th Mich. Infantry.....	Feb. 27, 1911.	Bellaire.

GEO. A. CUSTER POST No. 208, GALIEN.

Yau, B. F.....	Private.....	Co. —, 26th Mich. Infantry.....	Jan. 11, 1911.	Galien.
Sebring, Chas.....	Private.....	Co. —, 48th Ind. Infantry.....	June 27, 1911.	Galien.

ELI ALVORD POST NO. 209, MONTGOMERY.

Davis, C. R.....	Private.....	Co. C, 26th Ohio Infantry.....	Mar. —, 1911.	
Matthias, H. H.....	Private.....	Co. E, 150th Ohio Infantry.....	May —, 1911.	

E. H. HOLLINGSWORTH POST NO. 210, ALBION.

Williams, Geo. A.....	Private.....	Co. I, 1st Mich. Infantry.....	Dec. 25, 1910.	Sol. Home, Mich.
Gay, Seymour.....	Private.....	Co. I, 6th Mich. Heavy Artillery.....	June 27, 1911.	Sheridan Twp.
Stewkraus, Carl.....	Private.....	Co. C, 28th Mich. Infantry.....	Aug. 5, 1911.	Albion.
Smith, Calvin T.....	Private.....	Co. E, 200th Pa. Infantry.....	Feb. 28, 1911.	Albion.

W. H. BORDEN POST NO. 211, IONIA.

Roth, Paul.....	Private.....	Co. E, 1st Mich. Eng. & M.....	Sept. 17, 1911.	Ionias.
Walker, Hamilton.....	Sergeant.....	Co. K, Burgess Western S. S.....	Aug. 22, 1911.	Grand Rapids.
Hicking, Wm.....	Private.....	Co. —, 10 th N. Y. Heavy Artillery.....	Feb. 10, 1911.	Ionias.

H. D. TERRY POST NO. 216, MT. CLEMENS.

Daley, Wm. J.....	Landsman.....	U. S. N. Steamer Forest Rose.....	Jan. 6, 1911.	Mt. Clemens.
Doty, Solomon.....	Private.....	Co. F, 22d Mich. Infantry.....	June 5, 1911.	Mt. Clemens.

Name.	Rank.	Organization.	Date of death.	Residence.
Robbins, Edward P.	Private	Co. A, 1st Mich. S. S.	Feb. 23, 1911.	Luther.
Crane, Sam'l E.	Private	Co. E, 21st Ohio Infantry	Mar. 30, 1911.	Luther.
Brewer, Jobe	Private	Co. F, 3d Mich. Infantry	May 11, 1911.	Luther.
Temple, Geo. W.	Private	Co. F, 4th Mich. Cavalry	June 3, 1911.	Luther.
Jones, Peter	Private	Co. E, 22d Ohio Infantry	Nov. 27, 1911.	Luther.

HENRY BARTER POST NO. 219, JONESVILLE.

Riggs, John J.	Private	Co. G, 18th Mich. Infantry	Nov. 28, 1911.	Mosherville.
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RUDDOCK POST NO. 224, CHEBOYGAN.

Blank, Anton	Private	8th Ill. Cavalry	Jan. 19, 1911.	Cheboygan.
O'Brien, Philip	Private	3d Mich. Battery	May 12, 1911.	Cheboygan.
Brill, Geo. V.	Private	Co. D, 14th Mich. Infantry	June 28, 1911.	Cheboygan.
Deits, Peter	Private	Co. I, 16th N. Y. Cavalry	July 25, 1911.	Cheboygan.

GEO. MARTIN POST NO. 227, EAST PORT.

Kennedy, Milton	Captain	Co. D, 1st Kansas Infantry	Mar. —, 1911.	Eastport.
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PETER A. WEBER POST NO. 237, ROCKFORD.

Watkins, E. C.	Captain	Co. K, 1st N. Y. Cavalry	Not given.	Grand Rapids.
Gould, J. T.	2d Lieut.	Co. F, 6th Mich. Cavalry	Mar. 17, 1911.	Grand Rapids.
Perry, P. R.	Private	Co. A, 3d Mich. Infantry	April 28, 1911.	Rockford.
Vandusen, C. B.	Private	Co. —, 6th Mich. Cavalry		Rockford.

MARVIN POST NO. 240, GRAYLING.

Woodburn, Wm.	Corporal	Co. D, 5th Mich. Cavalry	Feb. 12, 1911.	Grayling.
Ferguson, Chas. A.	Private	Co. E, 50th N. Y. Engineers	Nov. 12, 1911.	Centralia, Wash.

FRANK MASON POST NO. 242, ATHENS.

Foote, Elias	Private	Co. —, 7th Mich. Infantry	Mar. 6, 1911.	Athens.
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JOSEPH MASON POST NO. 248, WACOUSTA.

Wells, Nathan S.	Private	Co. D, 5th Mich. Infantry	Sept. 20, 1911.	Watertown.
Voght, Paul		Co. F, 23d Mich. Infantry	Aug. 7, 1911.	Eagle.
Williams, Henry C.	Private	Co. B, 3d Mich. Infantry	Nov. 20, 1911.	St. Johns.
Conrad, Luther F.	Private	Co. B, 180 Ohio Infantry	Mar. 10, 1911.	Watertown.
Watson, Geo. W.	Private	Co. E, 7th Mich. Cavalry	Mar. 11, 1911.	Waconia Lake.

J. T. JONES POST NO. 252, HOWARD CITY.

Walling, Rarkart	Private	Co. H, 144th Ind. Infantry	Feb. 9, 1911.	Howard City.
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LONSON POST NO. 255, MAYVILLE.

Whitney, C. R.	Private	Co. H, 10th Mich. Infantry	Feb. 10, 1911.	Mayville.
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WM. M. FENTON POST NO. 258, ST. IGNACE.

Name.	Rank.	Organization.	Date of death.	Residence.
Snider, Jacob	Private	Co. K, 4th N. Y. Heavy Artillery.....	June 13, 1911.	St. Ignace.

A. STEWART POST NO. 259, LITCHFIELD.

Stout, Mablon.....	Private	Co. —, 26th Mich. Infantry.....	May 10, 1911.	Litchfield.
Chapman, O. H.....	Corporal	Co. —, 29th Wis. Infantry.....	May 21, 1911.	Litchfield.
Warriner, O. C.....	Private	Co. —, 4th Light Artillery.....	Jan. 5, 1911.	Litchfield.
White, C. P.....	Private	Co. —, 4th Mich. Infantry.....	June 7, 1911.	Litchfield.
Simmons, A. R.....	Musician	Co. —, 144th N. Y. Infantry.....	July 10, 1911.	Butler.
Nichols, O. E.....	Private	Co. —, 18th Mich. Infantry.....	June 10, 1911.	Hilldale.
Lindsley, C. C.....	Private	Co. —, 1st Light Artillery.....	Dec. 4, 1911.	Litchfield.
Wilson, W.....	Private	Co. —, 18th Mich. Infantry.....	Dec. 16, 1911.	Litchfield.
Gibbs, Harvey.....	Musician	Co. —, 136 N. Y. Infantry.....	Dec. 21, 1911.	Litchfield.
Wade, Madison E.....	Corporal	Co. —, 14th Mich. Infantry.....	Sept. 11, 1911.	Litchfield.

CORY POST NO. 261, WAYNE.

Roberts, O. J.....	Private	Co. H, 18th Mich. Infantry.....	1911.....	Wayne.
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A. C. VAN RAALTE POST NO. 262, HOLLAND.

Mulder, M.....	Private	Co. I, 25th Mich. Infantry.....	April 9, 1911.	Holland.
Koengsberg, H.....	Corporal	Co. C, 3d Mich. Infantry.....	Feb. 14, 1911.	Holland.
Mountford, Sam'l.....	Corporal	Co. —, 5th Wis. Battery.....	June 9, 1911.	Holland.
Ogden, Nelson.....	Drummer.....	Co. I, 25th Mich. Infantry.....	Mar. —, 1911.	Holland.

LYON POST NO. 266, MENOMINEE.

Oliver, Frank.....	Private	Co. F, 12th Wis. Infantry.....	July 5, 1911.	Menominee..
Ludden, Patrick.....	Private	Co. D, 147th Ill. Infantry.....	Feb. 10, 1911.	Menominee.
Wolff, Mathias.....	Private	Co. G, 1st Mich. Infantry.....	Aug. 19, 1911.	Menominee.
Oliver, Map.....	Private	Co. F, 12th Wis. Infantry.....	June 5, 1911.	Menominee.

F. A. BUHL POST NO. 270, ECORSE.

Beaubien, L. L.....	.....	Not given.		
Guard, Theophite.....	.....	Not given.		

BOYS IN BLUE POST NO. 271, MECOSTA.

Smart, P. L.....	Private	Co. D, 13th Mich. Infantry.....	Mar. —, 1911.	Mecosta.
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LUCIUS TAYLOR POST NO. 274, MILAN.

Case, Daniel.....	Private	Co. I, 11th Mich. Infantry.....	April 15, 1911.	Milan.
Lewis, Albert H.....	Corporal	Co. M, 1st Mich. Cavalry.....	May 26, 1911.	Ridgeway.
Draper, Walter P.....	Private	Co. F, 6th Mich. Heavy Artillery.....	Aug. 20, 1911.	Milan.

BRADFIELD POST NO. 276, ADA.

Name.	Rank.	Organization.	Date of death.	Residence.
Densmore, Luther	Sergeant	Co. B, 3d Mich. Infantry	Nov. 1, 1911.	Cascade.
Burton, Lewis F.	Private	Co. B, 1st Mich. Eng. & M.	Nov. 5, 1911.	Cascade.

H. S. BURNETT POST NO. 278, WEST BAY CITY.

Basett, Patrick	Private	Co. A, 28th U. S. Infantry	Oct. 25, 1911.	Bay City, W. S.
Randell, I. E.	Hosp steward.	48th U. S. Col. Infantry		

PERKINS POST NO. 279, SPRING LAKE.

Sanford, D. P.	Sergeant	Co. B, 1st Mich. S. S.	May 4, 1911.	Spring Lake.
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MORGAN PARKER POST NO. 281, PETERSBURG.

Young, Heman	Private	Co. —, 107 Ohio Infantry	May 14, 1911.	Petersburg.
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SAMUEL W. GRINNELL POST NO. 283, SUNFIELD.

Leonard, Angerine	Private	Co. F, 6th Mich. Cavalry	July 14, 1911.	
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FRANK FOWLER POST NO. 286, FIFE LAKE.

McSley, Daniel	Private	Co. G, 7th Mich. Infantry	June 2, 1911.	
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B. F. CHAPIN POST NO. 287, CHESHIRE.

Webster, L. M.	Private	Co. —, 1st Mich. Eng. & M.	Aug. 27, 1911.	Cheshire.
Stout, S. S.	Private	Co. —, 24th Mich. Infantry	Jan. 29, 1911.	Cheshire.

JOHN H. ANDREWS POST NO. 288, LACOTA.

Robinson, James	Sergeant	Co. —, 102d U. S. Colored Infantry	Mar. 23, 1911.	Lee.
Reams, Caleb	Private	Co. —, 19th Mich. Infantry	June 29, 1911.	Lacota.

ANDREWS POST NO. 294, BIG RAPIDS.

Canaan, Jehn	Private	Co. B, 118th Ohio Infantry	Dec. 4, 1911.	Big Rapids.
Vandersluis, F. O.	Private	Co. L, 6th Mich. Cavalry	Dec. 11, 1911.	Big Rapids.
Rall, Geo. W.	Private	Co. E, 6th Mich. Cavalry	Dec. 14, 1911.	Big Rapids.

E. H. BRONSON POST NO. 295, GALESBURG.

Voce, Dorman D.	Private	Co. K, 11th N. Y. Infantry	Mar. 25, 1911.	Galesburg.
Gates, G. M.	Private	Co. K, 108th N. Y. Infantry	June 28, 1911.	Galesburg.

ALBERT JACKSON POST NO. 300, MARQUETTE.

Blanchard, Chas. D.	1st Sergeant ..	Co. —, 188th Ohio Infantry	July 21, 1911.	Marquette.
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M. R. ROGERS POST NO. 308, IMLAY CITY.

Name.	Rank.	Organization.	Date of death.	Residence.
Husted, Edwin	Private	Co. K, 8th Mich. Cavalry	Sept. 20, 1911.	Imlay City.

HENRY DAGLE POST NO. 313, SOUTH BOARDMAN.

Sherman, P.	Private	Co. D, 1st Mich. Eng. & M.	May —, 1911.	So. Boardman.
Holstine, B.	Private	Co. M, 1st Mich. Cavalry	Mar. —, 1911.	So. Boardman.

G. J. HUDSON POST NO. 317, MATTAWAN.

Morris, B. F.	Not given.		
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ALLEN M. HARMAN POST NO. 318, NORTHVILLE.

Webster, Brayton G.	Corporal	Co. F, 20th Mich. Infantry	Sept. 18, 1911.	Whitmore Lake.
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J. B. SACKETT POST NO. 320, PRAIRIEVILLE.

Paine, A. P.	Corporal	Co. —, 1st N. Y. Light Artillery	Jan. 8, 1911.	Prairieville.
Chamberlain, Myron	Private	Co. K, 6th Mich. Cavalry	Jan. 20, 1911.	Cloverdale.

GEO. LEIGHTON POST NO. 321, SPRINGPORT.

Sowls, A. W.	Private	Co. A, 89th N. Y. Infantry	June 31, 1911.	Springport.
Miller, John	Private	Co. A, 191st Ohio Infantry	July 25, 1911.	Springport.
Evans, B. G.	Private	Co. I, 7th Mich. Cavalry	Nov. 1, 1911.	Springport.

WM. KERBY POST NO. 323, ASHLEY.

Sinclair, Haran .....	.....	Co. C, 8th Ill. Cavalry	May 6, 1911.	Ashley.
Smith, Timothy	Private	Co. A, 23d Mich.	Nov. 29, 1911.	Owosso.

O. D. JACKSON, POST NO. 326, POTTERVILLE.

Chandler, Mitchel	Private	Co. A, 48th Ohio Infantry	Aug. 9, 1911.	Potterville.
Pierce, C. V.	Private	Co. H, 2d Mich. Cavalry	Oct. 5, 1911.	Potterville.
Merritt, Nelson O.	Sergeant	Co. G, 20th Mich. Infantry	Mar. 3, 1911.	Potterville.
Barr, Wm. H.	Private	Co. D, 7th Mich. Cavalry	Dec. 31, 1911.	Potterville.

MYRON HAWLEY POST NO. 328, NAPOLEON.

Halbeam, Isaac	Private	Co. C, 11th Mich. Infantry	Jan. 31, 1911.	Soldiers' Home.
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MATHEWS POST NO. 341, CASSOPOLIS.

Curtis, Geo. H.	Private	Co. B, 102d U. S. Infantry	July 5, 1911.	Cassopolis.
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E. H. LISCUM POST NO. 343, SAULT STE. MARIE.

Scribner, Willoughby	Private	Unassigned Maine Regt.	Sept. 1, 1911.	Brimley.
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S. D. HAIGHT POST NO. 348, SCOTTSVILLE.

Name.	Rank.	Organization.	Date of death.	Residence.
Erne, Godfried.....	Private.....	Co. H, 10th Ohio Cavalry.....	Feb. 18, 1911.	Riverton Twp.
Codington, C. D.....	Private.....	Co. D, 1st Mich. Light Artillery.....	May 15, 1911.	Custer Twp.

COMSTOCK POST NO. 352, MANCHESTER.

Henson, William.....	Private.....	Dec. 12, 1911.	Manchester.
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JAMES F. COVELL POST NO. 354, PALO.

Evans, Chauncey.....	Private.....	Co. —, 3d Mich. Cavalry.....	June 26, 1911.	Palo.
Kimball, John.....	1st Sergeant.....	Co. —, 7th Mich. Infantry.....	Oct. 10, 1911.	Palo.
Prankard, Geo.....	Private.....	Co. —, 1st Mich. Eng. & M.....	Oct. 18, 1911.	Palo.

T. B. MYERS POST NO. 357, GAGETOWN.

McGinn, James.....	Private.....	Co. K, 9th Mich. Infantry.....	Jan. 12, 1911.	Gagetown.
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ROWLEY POST NO. 358, CLAYTON.

Dudley, Harvey C.....	Private.....	Co. B, 9th Mich. Infantry.....	Feb. 5, 1911.	Clayton.
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KILBOURN POST NO. 361, SHERWOOD.

Rider, William.....	Private.....	Co. F, 32d Ohio Infantry.....	Oct. 2, 1911.	Sherwood.
Philo, E. R.....	Private.....	Co. F, U. S. Sharp Shooters.....	Dec. 15, 1911.	Sherwood.

GORDON POST NO. 366, WHITE CLOUD.

Witherell, S. D.....	Private.....	14th Mich. Battery.....	Sept. 27, 1911.	White Cloud.
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NOBLE POST NO. 369, GLADWIN.

Wheeler, Hurburt.....	Corporal.....	Co. B, 22d N. Y. Cavalry.....	Feb. 8, 1911.	Gladwin.
Bedou, Seth.....	Sergeant.....	Co. K, 4th Mich. Cavalry.....	June 15, 1911.	Gladwin.

W. B. HAZEN POST NO. 370, WEST BRANCH.

Peterson, Mathias M.....	Private.....	Co. G, 50th N. Y. Engineers.....	Feb. 5, 1911.	West Branch.
La Plant, Roswell.....	Private.....	Co. E, 11th Ohio Cavalry.....	July 15, 1911.	West Branch.

E. P. CASE POST NO. 372, BENZONIA.

Ehman, Philip.....	Private.....	Co. D, 3d Penn. Cavalry.....	June 8, 1911.	Benzonia.
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WM. P. EVERETT POST NO. 377, ROCHESTER.

Vorhies, James C.....	Private.....	Co. A, 1st Mich. Light Artillery.....	Mar. 10, 1911.	Rochester.
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JOHN STOCKTON POST NO. 380, NEW HAVEN.

Name.	Rank.	Organization.	Date of death	Residence.
Sutherland, Daniel.....	Private.....	Co. F, 22d Mich. Infantry.....	Aug. 23, 1911.	New Haven.

U. O. BRETS POST NO. 382, LAKE ODESSA.

Clark, Josiah C.....	Private.....	Co. D, 9th Mch. Infantry.....	April 20, 1911.	Lake Odessa.
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C. B. WHEELER POST NO. 383, MARTIN.

Stayman, W. D.....	Private.....	Co. F, 8th Ind. Infantry.....	Mar. 28, 1911.	Martin.
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CHAS. GRIFFIN POST NO. 386, FARWELL.

Mead, Richard.....	Private.....	Co. D, 57th N. Y. Infantry.....	May 5, 1911.	Farwell.
Buskard, Ezra.....	Private.....	Co. C, 7th U. S. Infantry.....	Dec. 7, 1911.	Farwell.

MICHIGAN POST NO. 393, DETROIT.

Brundt, Wm. J.....	Private.....	Co. G, 14th Mich. Infantry.....	Dec. 21, 1911.	Detroit.
Blanchard, John.....	Corporal.....	Co. L, 2d N. Y. Light Artillery.....	Dec. 23, 1911.	Detroit.

A. B. WATSON POST NO. 395, GRAND RAPIDS.

Luffingwell, Henry H.....	Private.....	Co. H, 21st Mich. Infantry.....	Feb. 13, 1911.	Grand Rapids.
Chapman, Benj.....	Private.....		April 23, 1911.	Soldiers' Home.

WOOLSEY POST NO. 399, NORTHPORT.

Scott, John.....	Sergeant.....		Oct. 15, 1911.	Northport.
Charter, E. S.....			Aug. 11, 1911.	Northport.

BURLINGAME POST NO. 402, AKRON.

Rothermel, John.....		Co. I, 167th Penn. Infantry.....	May —, 1911.	Wisner.
Vandermark, Joseph.....	Private.....	Co. B, 124th Ohio Infantry.....	Aug. —, 1911.	Fairgrove.
Becker, Louis C.....	Private.....	Co. B, 33d N. Y. Infantry.....	Sept. —, 1911.	Almer.

J. AND A. RYDER POST No. 404, NEWBERG.

Peterhauta, Geo. P.....	Private.....	Co. F, 16th Mich. Infantry.....	Mar 17, 1911.	Plymouth.
Smith, Alexander.....	Private.....	Co. K, 2d Mich. Infantry.....	Dec. 11, 1911.	Wayne.
	Sergeant.....	Co. F, 3d U. S. Light Artillery.....		

GEN. W. T. SHERMAN POST NO. 410, VASSAR.

Smith, David A.....	Private.....	Co. K, 1st U. S. Sharp Shooters.....	Sept. 30, 1911.	Vassar.
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ROBT. ERWIN POST NO. 416, BROOKLYN.

Name.	Rank.	Organization.	Date of death.	Residence.
Stacy, Geo.	Private.	Co. E, 4th Mich. Infantry.	April 10, 1911.	Brooklyn.
Reed, James.	Private.	Co. B, 52d Wis. Infantry.	May 17, 1911.	Brooklyn.

H. P. MERRILL POST NO. 419, BAY CITY.

Feyerabend, Otto.	Corporal.	Co. C, 1st Mich. Cavalry.	Jan. 24, 1911.	Bay City.
McCoy, Alex G.	Private.	Co. A, 1st Penn. Infantry.	April 15, 1911.	Bay City.

P. O. O'CONNELL POST NO. 426, IRON MOUNTAIN.

Durant, James.	Private.	17 Ver. Infantry.	Not given.	Soldiers' Home, Milwaukee.
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PLEASANTON POST NO. 429, IRONWOOD.

Walker, P. S.	Private.	Co. K, Wis. Heavy Artillery.	Sept. 22, 1911.	
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JOHN RITCHIE POST NO. 430, BURT.

Jackson, John.	Corporal.	Co. K, 9th Mich. Cavalry.	April 25, 1911.	Taymouth.
Phillips, Joseph.	Private.	Co. F, 1st Mich. Infantry.	Aug. 25, 1911.	Burt.

O. M. POE POST NO. 433, DETROIT.

Syke, James.	Private.	Co. E, 2d Ohio Artillery.	June 27, 1911.	Detroit.
Lyons, Hiram.	Private.	Co. A, 1st Mich. Light Artillery.	Nov. 10, 1911.	Detroit.
Jones, Cas. F.	Private.	Co. A, 62d Penn. Infantry.	Dec. 30, 1911.	Detroit.
Cook, Geo. W.	Captain.	Co. A, 16th Mich. Infantry.	Mar. 25, 1911.	Detroit.
Titsort, Perry A.	Private.	Co. F, 52d Ill. Infantry.	May 4, 1911.	Detroit.

STEEL BROS. POST NO. 441, MASON.

Huxley, Nelson L.	Q. M. Ser.	17th N. Y. Independent Battery.	Feb. 19, 1911.	Mason.
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R. H. GIBSON POST NO. 445, GOWEN.

Peringo, James.	Private.	Co. K, 11th Mich. Infantry.	Mar. 13, 1911.	Gowen.
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J. B. SWEETLAND POST NO. 448, EDWARDSBURG.

Andrus, James.		2d Mich. Cavalry.	Mar. —, 1911.	Edwardsburg.
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GEN. I. C. SMITH POST NO. 451, REED CITY.

Moriarty, John.	Sergeant.	Co. C, 62d Ohio Vol. Infantry.	Mar. 9, 1911.	Reed City.
Pierce, Josiah S.	Private.	Co. F, 27th Mich. Infantry.	May 31, 1911.	Reed City.

H. W. LAWTON POST NO. 452, SAMARIA.

Name.	Rank.	Organization.	Date of death.	Residence.
Capaul, Casper.....	Private.....	Co. B, 14th Ohio Infantry.....	Oct. 3, 1911.	Lambertville.

JAMES A. SAXTON POST NO. 454, CENTRAL LAKE.

Blanchard, C. A.	Private.....	Co. F, 21st Mich. Infantry.....	Jan. 15, 1911.	
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JOHN HUNTER POST NO. 455, MONTROSE.

Smith, Havilah.....	Private.....	1st Mich. Infantry.....	Feb. 4, 1911	Montrose.
Tillman, William.....	Private.....	Co. I, 16th Mich. Infantry.....	July 23, 1911.	Montrose.

STANSELL POST NO. 456, SOUTH LYON.

Farman, Scott H.....	Private.....	Co. C, 24th Mich. Infantry.....	April 4, 1911.	Plymouth.
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J. M. POND POST 460, SAUGATUCK.

Avery, James E.....	1st Lieut.....	Co. —, 4th Mich. Infantry.....	Dec. 25, 1911.	Soldiers' Home.
White, David.....	1st Lieut.....	Co. —, 3d Mich. Cavalry.....	Nov. 15, 1911.	Soldiers' Home.
Fish, Nicholas.....	Private.....	Co. —, 6th Maine Infantry.....	Oct. 15, 1911.	Douglas.

GENERAL ORDERS ISSUED.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, June 27, 1911.

General Orders No. 1, Series 1911-12.

Profoundly grateful to my Comrades of the Thirty-third Department Encampment held in Ypsilanti, June 21-22-23, for the distinguished honor conferred in my election as Department Commander of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic. I hereby assume command, invoking the united support of our great comradeship.

The following staff appointments are hereby announced:

Assistant Adjutant General, Fayette Wyckoff, Post 42, Lansing.

Assistant Q. M. General, Lester J. Kenney, Post 42, Lansing.

Other announcement of appointments will be made in future orders to be issued in the near future.

The attention of Post officers is called to the necessity of sending in the semi-annual reports, ending June 30, at once. It is less than two months before the meeting of the National Encampment, time is so short, reports should be in the hands of the Assistant Adjutant General not later than July 10th, let promptness be our motto.

Post Commanders will do me a favor by sending in the name of a good active Comrade for appointment on the staff of the Department Commander.

GEO. W. STONE,
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, JULY 12, 1911.

General Orders, No. 2, Series 1911-12.

1. At the Thirty-third Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, held at Ypsilanti, Michigan, June 21-23, the following officers were duly elected and installed:

Department Commander, Geo. W. Stone, Post 42, Lansing.

Senior Vice Commander, Henry C. Rankin, Post 180, Ypsilanti.

Junior Vice Commander, J. J. Holmes, Post 111, Eaton Rapids.

Medical Director, W. W. Root, Post 441, Mason.

Department Chaplain, Rev. Wm. Putman, Post 42, Lansing.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

B. F. Davis, Post 10, Dundee.

Henry Spaulding, Post 20, Hartford.

Perry Mayo, Post 166, Marshall.

George Raab, Post 145, Flint.
M. D. Richardson, Post 265, Lake City.

REPRESENTATIVE TO FORTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

L. H. Ives (at large), Mason, Mich.
D. S. Kimball, Detroit, Mich.
Hope Welch, Adrian, Mich.
C. T. S. Cook, Galesburg, Mich.
Wallace Riley, Buchanan, Mich.
James R. Stephenson, M. D., 35 Monroe St., Grand Rapids, Mich.
W. J. Adams, Mason, Mich.
Wm. O. Lee, Port Huron, Mich.
Martin C. Davis, Owosso, Mich.
T. P. Steadman, 412 Third St., Manistee, Mich.
Geo. C. Cobb, Bay City, Mich.
D. A. Moore, Big Rapids, Mich.
P. C. Beanston, Marquette, Mich.
Jacob Bristol, care Mutual Life Ins. Co., Detroit, Mich.
A. L. Bryant, Maysville, Mich.
H. A. Chapin, Lansing, Mich.
Geo. W. Howe, Port Huron, Mich.
E. K. Starkweather, Northville, Mich.
H. W. Sims, Bay City, Mich.
John G. Berry, Vanderbilt, Mich.

ALTERNATES.

J. H. Stephens (at large), Battle Creek, Mich.
Cornelius O'Dwyer, 1295 Third Ave., Detroit, Mich.
A. E. Terwileger, Clayton, Mich.
Thomas J. Snow, Charlotte, Mich.
W. H. Miller, Berrien Springs, Mich.
Edward Racine, 275 Cherry St., Grand Rapids, Mich.
Abram Vanarman, Flint, Mich.
N. H. Miller, Mt. Clemens, Mich.
M. E. Keller, 121 N. Baum, St., Saginaw, Mich.
Porter P. Misner, Muskegon, Mich., 41 Hamilton St.
Hiram Russell, Bay City, Mich.
W. H. Beasley, Ithaca, Mich.
Chas. D. Blanchard, Marquette, Mich., dead.
Albert Dunham, Jackson, Mich.
J. A. Whitbeck, Whitehall, Mich.
Wm. Bumgartel, Holland, Mich.
C. L. Green, South Haven, Mich.
W. C. Nesen, Lansing, Mich.
J. F. Waltrous, Ithaca, Mich.
D. C. Spears, Azalia, Mich.
2. The following official staff is hereby announced:
Assistant Adjutant General, Fayette Wyckoff, Lansing.
Assistant Quartermaster General, Lester J. Kenney, Lansing.
Judge Advocate, O. A. Janes, Detroit.

Chief Mustering Officer, Jas. O. Bellaire, Grand Rapids.
 Department Inspector, Albert Dunham, Jackson.
 Patriotic Instructor, Frank McElroy, Lapeer.
 Chief of Staff, Frank R. Chase, Belding.
 Senior Aide, John Devlin, Detroit.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

R. B. Davis. Henry Spaulding. Geo. Raab.

COMMITTEE TO VISIT SOLDIERS' HOME.

C. S. Wilson, Post 395, Grand Rapids.
 Wm. H. Mason, Post 32, Battle Creek.
 O. G. Hubbard, Post 210, Albion.

COMMITTEE ON INDEX FOR "SOLDIERS RECORD."

Frederick Schneider, Post 42, Lansing.
 R. C. Blair, Post 382, Lake Odessa.
 H. C. Rankin, Post 180, Ypsilanti.
 F. F. Payne, Post 17, Detroit.
 Geo. H. Turner, Post 109, Coldwater.

REPORTS.

National headquarters have demanded that the Departments have their reports in not later than July 20th, which will compel us to leave out all Posts that do not make returns at once. I most respectfully request Post Commanders to attend to it and help us out.

Attention is called to National General Orders No. 9, which accompany these orders, especially to paragraphs 1 and 3, relative to blue book and reports for term ending June 30th. Post officers will greatly assist the Department by giving this their personal and prompt attention.

The Department Chaplain, Wm. Putman, reports that over one hundred Posts have not as yet sent in their Memorial Day reports. Post chaplains are requested to get busy and send in their reports. When the Post chaplain fails to make report the duty devolves on the Post adjutant and he must see that the reports are sent in.

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

Delegates elected to the National Encampment are requested to notify the Assistant Adjutant General if they will go. Do not delay this as alternates must be notified and time for making arrangements is short. It is expected that Michigan will be represented with a full delegation.

OFFICIAL ROUTE.

The Department Commander and Assistant Adjutant General have selected as the official route for the Department to Rochester the Pere Marquette and Michigan Central railways. A special train consisting of first class coaches and sleeping cars to leave Detroit 10:45 p. m., August 20th; arriving at Niagara Falls 5:21 a. m., eastern time; Buffalo 6:30 a. m.; leaving Buffalo 7:00 a. m., arriving Rochester 8:45 a. m. This will give passengers from the State an opportunity to reach Detroit either during the day or evening in time to take special train. Sleeping

car rates will be \$2 for a double lower berth; \$1.60 for a double upper. Application for space in Department Commander's car can be sent to the Assistant Adjutant General, Lansing, Mich. For space in other cars send to L. D. Huesner, A. G. P. A. Michigan Central, Detroit, Mich. There are very few places in Michigan, especially in the lower portion of the State that passengers cannot leave home on either the Detroit regular or excursion trains and reach Detroit either during the day or evening in time to take the special at 10:45 p. m. Particulars as to this service can be secured from the agents at points where passengers are located. One-half hour will be given to view Niagara Falls. Particulars as to stop-over privileges will be given later.

TICKETS.

Will be on sale August 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st with final return limit of August 31st, and on deposit of ticket with authorized agent at Rochester and payment of \$1.00 the return limit may be extended until September 30th. Tickets sold will read over all railroad lines from Detroit to Rochester, but they will be optional as between rail and boat between Detroit and Buffalo, at the desire of the passenger.

The fare from some of the principal cities in this Department are as follows:

ROCHESTER AND RETURN.

Adrian	\$12 50	Jackson	\$13 85
Albion	14 10	Kalamazoo	15 80
Allegan	15 90	Lansing	14 10
Alpena	18 40	Lapeer	12 40
Ann Arbor	13 55	Manchester	13 30
Alma	14 55	Marshall	14 80
Battle Creek	15 05	Monroe	12 40
Bay City	13 45	Muskegon	16 95
Benton Harbor	17 75	Owosso, via. Durand	13 45
Cadillac	16 30	Oxford	12 40
Charlotte	14 65	Pontiac	12 40
Coldwater	14 40	Port Huron	10 70
Columbiaville	12 40	Quincy	14 20
Corunna	13 35	Rochester	12 40
Decatur	16 55	St. Johns	14 05
Detroit	12 40	St. Joseph	17 75
Durand	13 15	Saginaw	13 35
Eaton Rapids	14 10	Schoolcraft	15 80
Fenton	13 05	South Haven	17 00
Flint	12 60	Tecumseh	12 70
Galesburg	15 50	Three Rivers	15 70
Grand Haven	16 90	Union City	15 15
Grand Rapids	15 90	Utica	12 40
Grass Lake	13 85	Vanderbilt	17 25
Greenville	15 30	Vassar	12 75
Hastings	15 75	Wayne	12 95
Hillsdale	13 75	Vicksburg	15 80
Howell	13 10	Ypsilanti	13 55
Ionia	14 80		

We have figured all the possible objection by different routes and what would be best for the greatest number of our Comrades and hope that all who can will go with Headquarters train for in unity there is strength.

The following Comrades have been appointed as Aide-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander:

Truman, Geo., Post 10, Dundee.
 Daniel Herington, Post 24, Fenton.
 B. F. Archer, Post 26, Hart.
 Lawrence Price, Post 42, Lansing.
 Orsen Vanderhoof, Post 75, Grand Haven.
 Charles L. Clarey, Post 76, Monroe.
 David L. Laing, Post 144, Lapeer.
 O. S. Church, Post 144, Lapeer.
 A. J. Phillips, Post 166, Marshall.
 E. C. Moore, Post 294, Big Rapids.
 J. E. Moore, Post 318, Northville.
 Wm. R. Fuller, Post 328, Napoleon.
 Mm. Mebling, Post 352, Manchester.
 David E. Cook, Post 444, Cadillac.
 John D. Shull, Post 140, Tecumseh.
 Cornelius O'Dwyer, Post 433, Detroit.
 James H. Paul, Post 242, Athens.
 Andrew Pray, Post 107, Dimondale.

Aides-de-camp are expected to interest themselves in the welfare of the Post, and do all they can to increase the membership of the G. A. R. Comrades let the work of this year be one of genuine comradeship, and the reports at the end of the year will show the spirit of your work.

By command of

GEO. W. STONE,

Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Assistant Adjutant General.

INFORMATION WANTED.

Information wanted by Ernest Linderman, Bay City, Mich., R. F. D. No. 2, of the present whereabouts of Henry Linderman who enlisted, August 11, 1863, at Fort Wayne, Mich., in Co. D., 19th U. S. Inf., and was discharged March 2, 1879, at Camp Thomas, Arizona; then a private in Troop F., 6th U. S. Cavalry.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, July 25, 1911.

General Orders, No. 3, Series 1911-12.

1. General Orders No. 10 from National Department accompany these orders, and contain much information of value to the Comrades, and should be carefully read.

2. During the Forty-Fifth National Encampment to be held in Rochester, N. Y., commencing Monday, August 21st and ending Saturday, August 26th inclusive. The Headquarters of the Department of Michigan will be established in Rooms 116 and 118, Powers Hotel. Information in regard to Route and sale of ticket was published in General Order No. 2, July 12th, 1911. Since we made arrangements for official route, we find excursion rates have been made to Niagara Falls that makes the rate seem cheaper, but as this rate takes effect four days sooner than the encampment, the difference in rates would more than be consumed by Hotel Bills, and the excursion accommodations are not adequate for such a trip. We cheerfully invite every Comrade to go with Headquarters train, that can consistently do so.

Comrades are again reminded that the Official Route as selected for this Department, is via the M. C. R. R. and N. Y. C. R. R. from Detroit to Rochester. Train leaving Detroit at 10:45 P. M., August 20th.

Sleeping car reservations can be secured in advance by writing to the Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R., Lansing, Mich., or to L. D. Huesner, A. G. P. A., Michigan Central R. R., Detroit, Mich.

3. Past Commanders and Delegates will meet at Department Headquarters in Powers Hotel, Rochester on Tuesday evening at 7:30 p. m., August 22nd for conference and for the purpose of considering such business as may come before the Encampment.

4. The great parade will take place Wednesday, August 23rd at ten o'clock a. m. The line of march is about two miles in length, and for the most part an asphalted and beautiful shaded streets. The comrades from Michigan are requested to meet at Powers Hotel at nine o'clock a. m. and march to place of formation at 9:30 o'clock a. m. Comrade Frank R. Chase, Chief of Staff will have charge of formation and details of parade of this department. All Aides of the Department Commander will report to him. All staff officers who are mounted are requested to wear uniforms and belts.

5. Comrades attending the Encampment at Rochester should receive the National Countersign of their Post Commander before leaving home.

6. I wish to call special attention of the Delegates to National Encampment to General orders No. 10, from National Headquarters, relative to proposed amendments to rules and regulations, which will be submitted to the Encampment.

7. The following additional comrades have been appointed as Aide-de-camp on the staff of the Department Commander. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Wm. Taylor, Post No. 6, Hillsdale.
 Webster Bliss, Post No. 12, Deerfield.
 John J. Bailey, Post 97, Hersey.
 Jefferson T. Bums, Post No. 109, Coldwater.
 Samuel Sage, Post No. 178, Sheridan.
 Henry Bungan, Post No. 361, Sherwood.
 R. A. Babcock, Post No. 370, West Branch.
 A. J. Cole, Post No. 83, Greenville.

By command of

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GEO. W. STONE,
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
 STATE CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., Sept. 28, 1911.

General Orders No. 4, Series 1911-12.

1. The Forty-fifth National Encampment held at Rochester, N. Y., adds another bright page to the history of the Grand Army of the Republic. The attendance was large at least thirty thousand old comrades were present to meet and greet their old comrades; that in many instances they had not met in years. Michigan was represented in the parade by over 200 comrades, who marched to the Patriotic and Inspiring Martial Music of twelve Civil War Musicians, all old soldiers.

I wish to extend my thanks to my staff, Delegates, Past Department Commanders, the Comrades detailed to look after Registration, and all the Comrades that took part in the parade, for the soldierly manner in which they all discharged their duties, and made every Michigander, and particularly your Commander feel proud of our state.

2. The proceedings of the National Encampment were full of interest, every question debated seemed to be for the best interest of our old comrades as the final result showed after adjournment. I believe the action on pensions has the best opportunity of being carried out of any action taken in years. Posts are requested to sign no petitions on pension legislation, until such time as they are requested by General Order, then all petitions will read alike and carry weight with Congress.

3. Inspection of Posts is a source of much trouble and expense without accomplishing any great good. In 1903, as Department Inspector, in making my report to the Department, I recommended that Post Inspection be abolished, committee reported favorable on this recommendation and my report was adopted, as the Rules and Regulations leave the question of Inspection optional with the Department Commander. (See article 5, chapter 5, section 1.) I shall only order inspection of Posts when *I am so requested* by the Post Commander, or when I believe it for the best interests of a Post.

4. During the last session of the Legislature a bill was passed as follows:

AN ACT to provide for the management and control of the military museum and old battle flags.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Section 1. The military museum shall be kept in the rotunda in the Capitol on the basement floor, until such time as the State provides a grand army memorial building. The battle flags shall be kept in the cases they now occupy, in the rotunda on the first floor of the Capitol, for all time and never to be taken out unless some other provisions shall be made by the Legislature in reference thereto.

Section 2. The board of State Auditors shall have full control and management of the museum and battle flags, and a committee of three veterans of the Civil or Spanish-American war shall be appointed by the Department Commander, Grand Army of the Republic, to act jointly with the Board of State Auditors, in soliciting relics, placing them in position and such other assistance as the board may require of them.

Section 3. The Board of State Auditors is authorized to pay any and all Freight or Express on relics that is considered of value.

The old veterans appointed are, Geo. W. Stone, Fayette Wyckoff and Lester J. Kenney. All correspondence should be sent to Dept. Headquarters G. A. R. Lansing, Mich.

[ACT NO. 235, PUBLIC ACTS OF 1911.]

AN ACT to provide for the payment and reimbursement by counties, in certain cases upon application therefor, of expenses incurred in the burial of the bodies of army nurses, honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines or the wives or widows of said soldiers, sailors or marines, and to repeal act number two hundred fifty-two of the Public Acts of nineteen hundred nine, approved June two, nineteen hundred nine.

EXEMPTION OF PROPERTY OF SOLDIERS FROM TAXATION.

[EXTRACT FROM ACT 174, P. A. 1911.]

Section 7. The following real property shall be exempt from taxation:

A copy of acts 235 and 174, will be enclosed with this General Order and mailed to each Post, they should be read at Post meetings until comrades become familiar with their provisions, as they put more money into the pockets of old soldiers and their families in Michigan in one year, than it would cost every soldier to join the Grand Army and pay their dues the balance of their life time. The Grand Army is responsible for all this good work and for that reason I do not understand how any old soldier, knowing the facts can keep out of the Grand Army and allow the rest of his old comrades to do so much for him to say nothing of the honor it is to wear the Grand Army badge and button honorably.

5. The following resolutions presented by Comrade C. H. Rankin of Carpenter Post No. 180, at Friday morning's session of the Thirty-third Annual Encampment held at Ypsilanti, by a rising vote were unanimously and enthusiastically adopted:

WHEREAS, We are informed that Col. Judson E. Rice, of the Soldiers

Home, a most faithful, zealous, esteemed official; a more than friend, a loving brother to all the members, both men and women of the home, has been obliged to withdraw from the commandants position to make place, seemingly, for a new Commander, not an ex-soldier of the Civil War.

RESOLVED, First, that we express our emphatic, unanimous disapproval of this action on the part of the board of managers.

RESOLVED, Second, that we place ourselves on record at this session of the State Encampment held in Ypsilanti, Friday morning, June 23rd, as vehemently opposed to the selection of a Commander of the Soldiers' Home, unless, in addition to necessary business qualifications for such preferment, the commander possess the one essential qualification, in our judgment, that with credit to himself and with honor to the State, he served ninety days or more in the battle's front in 1861 to 1865.

RESOLVED, third, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to his excellency, the Governor, to Col. Judson E. Rice, and especially to every member of the board of managers of the Soldiers' Home.

As Department Commander I have served a copy of the above resolutions as required by the Encampment, the new Commandant has been installed in office, and his commission issued to him. I have been receiving some pretty severe criticism; in the shape of letters and newspaper articles against this action, and some comrades have censured me. Comrades I feel as bad about the matter as any of you possibly can, but I am powerless; as Commander my power does not go outside of the Grand Army. The only help I can see for us is to appeal to a loyal and patriotic legislature to amend the law in regard to the Soldiers Home, and make it more specific.

6. Post commanders are requested to send in the names of Comrades for appointment on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief at once, the National Department requests that the state department send them in by October 15th, 1911.

7th. Additional Aide-de-Camp, or the Staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced:

Eli M. Ruggles, Post 3, Whitehall.

Francis Hiscott, Post 3, Whitehall.

C. B. Andrews, Post 17, Post-office, Redford.

L. K. Cleveland, Post 18, Traverse City.

LaFayette Rafter, Post 27, Decatur.

Bradford Gragg, Post 84, Kalkaska.

L. A. Sherman, Post 98, 433 Military St., Port Huron.

F. J. Buck, Post 348, Scottsville.

R. S. Brown, Post 357, Gagetown.

A. F. Teall, Post 452, Temperance.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

By Command of

GEO. W. STONE,

Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, NOV. 28, 1911.

General Orders, No. 5, Series 1911-12.

Attention called to the following important matters:

1. Blanks form A & B, for Semi-Annual Reports for term ending December 31st, are enclosed with this order, these blanks to be filled out and forwarded to the Asst. Adjt. General, immediately after the last stated meeting in December.

Election of Post Officers and Delegates to Department Encampment to be elected at First Stated meeting in December.

Post Election blanks and Credential blanks to be filled out (See instructions on blanks) and forwarded to Department Head-quarters immediately after the election.

Blanks for Report of Deaths for the year 1911, be sure that all information required in the blanks are filled out correctly. These names are for publication in the Department Journal as required by law passed last winter, be sure this list is complete.

2. The Journal of the Thirty-third Department Encampment is ready and will be sent to all *Post Commanders*. There is much good reading in the speeches of the Commander-in-Chief, and the President of the Woman's Relief Corps and others—read them in Post meetings.

LAWS.

The Journal contains the Laws beneficial to the G. A. R. passed by the last Legislature, be sure and read them. Many inquiries have been received, asking when the last exemption law takes effect and when application for exemption must be filed. The Attorney General has kindly given the following statement:

"The Exemption Law passed in 1911 does not become operative until 1912."

"Application for exemption must be filed with the Supervisor or Assessor each year."

Exemption blanks will be furnished by your Supervisor or Assessor, or by the Auditor General of the State.

3. The Department Commander exercising the authority given him, has dispensed with the inspection of the Posts in this department, this year. It will *not be necessary* therefore, for the installing officer to ask the question "has the Post been properly inspected?" before proceeding with the installation of the newly elected officers.

4. The Judge Advocate has kindly furnished the following for the guidance of Comrades seeking adjustment of vexed questions, arising in the Post or among Comrades.

"Questions and appeals requiring official decision are not to be referred directly by Comrades or Post officers to the Judge Advocate of the Department. Such reference is entirely in the discretion of the Department Commander, the Judge Advocate acting as the legal advisor of the Department Commander."

"When an appeal is taken from the action and decision of a Post Com-

mander, it must first be submitted to the Post. An appeal may then be taken from the action of the Post to the Department Commander, which should be forwarded by the Post Commander to the Assistant Adjutant General." (See Blue Book 1910, pages 112-113.)

5. In view of the approaching election of Post officers, your Department Commander would urge that in the selection of your officers, you select Comrades who are faithful and regular in attendance and in full sympathy with principles of, and the work of our grand organization. Select the best Comrades, this is of much importance on account of increasing age and disabilities.

PENSION LAWS.

6. It has come to the knowledge of the Department Commander that interested parties are seeking for expressions from the Posts on Pension Bills now before congress. The National Encampment has a strong committee at work. Your Department Commander is greatly interested and is watching the course of events. At the proper time every Post of this Department will be called upon to act, let it be as a unit for "In unity there is strength."

The attention of Comrades is called to paragraph 2, General Orders No. 4, on this same subject.

7. The following additional Aide-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced:

Charles R. Klickler, Post 20, Hartford.

W. W. Warner, Post 56, Allegan.

By command of

GEO. W. STONE,

Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Information is wanted of James J. Kelley, who was a 2nd Lieutenant of the 14th Mich. Battery, by his daughter, Mary Boughtt, of Marcellus, Mich. She has not heard from him in twenty years.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, JANUARY 1, 1912.

General Order, No. 6. Series 1911-12.

1. I desire to wish every Comrade in this Department a happy and prosperous New Year and that the Sherwood bill will pass, and become a law during the present session of congress. Comrades and Posts are writing to these Headquarters every day requesting blank petitions to send to our Michigan representatives in the United States Senate, requesting them to vote for the Sherwood bill. I wish to say that members of both houses from this state have written me in the strongest language, that they would do all they could, and they will do so. I would not advise any further petitions or expense, as it is not necessary.

REPORTS OF PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

2. Comrade Frank McElroy, Patriotic Instructor of this Department has been seriously ill, and for that reason the blank reports, to be filled out and forwarded to the Patriotic Instructor, were not sent out with last General Orders but are inclosed with this. I included in this order, Comrade McElroy's appeal which I heartily endorse.

To Post PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR:

Dear Comrade: It was through the patriotism of the boys of 1861 to 1865 that preserved our country without a loss of one star from Old Glory, and it is the sentiment of our glorious order that all our best efforts should be used to have taught in our day and Sunday schools, Honor to the Stars and Stripes. Hoping all your efforts will be used in that direction and that you will send your report filled as complete as it is possible for you to so do.

Try and have report in by January 15. Kindly thanking you in advance for your report and patriotic work,

I am yours in F. C. & L.,

F. McELROY,

Dept. Patriotic Instructor, Dept. of Mich., G. A. R.

Lapeer, Michigan.

QUESTIONS AND APPEALS.

3. Questions and appeals requiring official decision are not to be referred *directly* by Comrades or Post officers to the Judge Advocate of the Department. Such reference is entirely in the discretion of the Department Commander, the Judge Advocate acting as legal advisor of the Department Commander.

When an appeal is taken from the action and decision of a Post Commander, it must first be submitted to the Post. An appeal may then be taken from the action of the Post to the Department Commander, which should be forwarded by the Post Commander to the Assistant Adjutant General. (See Blue Book, 1910, Pages 112, 113.)

4. My attention has been called to a bill introduced in the United States Senate, by several Posts and Comrades in this Department. It is for the incorporation of the Grand Army through congress. It failed last session, it came before the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Rochester last August and was severely condemned, the Comrades believe it to be a dastardly act, for the reason that it places in the hands of a small number of self selected men, the control of a society that has existed for 44 years. I wrote our representatives in both houses of congress and they assure me they will look after the matter in our interests.

SONS OF VETERANS.

5. Guy B. Reish of Battle Creek, Michigan, Department Commander of the Sons of Veterans of Michigan, is working hard and industrious to organize a Camp of the Sons of Veterans in each Post in Michigan. As Comrades our experience years ago was not pleasant, the boys were young, now they are men, they now want to be our successors, which is proper they should. I heartily endorse their effort and would be

pleased to see a Camp of the right kind of Sons of Veterans in every town or city that has a Grand Army Post. We need them.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF GETTYSBURG.

6. By request of the Commander and Chief I appointed three Comrades a special committee to co-operate with the general committee on the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg, at Gettysburg. I have appointed as said committee, Comrades O. A. Jones, 4th Mich. Infantry, Detroit; Geo. F. Hooper 1st Mich. Infantry, Detroit; J. O. Probasco 6th Mich. Cavalry, Muir, Michigan.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS.

7. Semi-annual report for the term ending December 31, are now due and should be sent to the Assistant Adjt. General *without delay*, as he has only 20 days before his report is due at National Headquarters. The per capita tax must accompany the report. The Commander and officers of 1911 are charged with making these reports. Installing officers will see that reports have been forwarded before installing the new officers.

8. Comrades, let us enter upon the work of the new year determined to make it a record year; many think because of age we are becoming a negative party; by earnest work and loyalty to our noble order, let us prove that we are a positive party and that the spirit of 1861-65 is still alive and to be reckoned with.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Asst. Adjt. Gen.

By Command of
GEO. W. STONE,
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, April 15, 1912.

General Orders No. 7. Series 1911-12.

MEMORIAL DAY.

In accordance with the laws of our Order, and in compliance with National Orders No. 5, Thursday, May the thirtieth, will be observed as Memorial Day.

It is expected that every Post in this Department, will honor themselves in paying tribute to the memory of their fallen Comrades, who through their deeds of heroism, and final sacrifice, have rendered the cause of the Union, and Liberty, sacred in the hearts of all true Americans.

This day should be kept sacred, all Comrades and loyal citizens, should put forth an effort to do away with all sports, and games of amusement, on this occasion. And in all large cities, it would be well for the Posts to invite the Spanish war veterans, or the sons of veterans to make a detail for doing the decorating of the graves, they have done it heretofore when requested, and most cheerfully, the Civil war veterans

averaging seventy-one years of age, are no longer able to do the hard work. In the city of Lansing the Post decorate over four hundred graves, using potted flowers, last year the Spanish war veterans done the work, and will do so in the future.

It is the duty of every post to see that every Comrade's grave is decorated, especially in the country cemeteries, contiguous to their post.

It is hoped that arrangements for Memorial Day will be so complete in this department, that the shadows of evening shall not rest upon the mound of a single fallen comrade, that does not bear the floral tokens of remembrance and love.

It is desired that each Post in this Department attend Divine Service on Sunday, May the 26th, that we more fully be prepared to decorate the graves of our departed, "not only with tributes, beautiful and fragrant flowers that must fade, but with fraternity, charity, and loyalty, that shall live forever."

We ask the co-operation of every citizen in Michigan to co-operate with us, in memory of our nation's defenders.

By Command of

GEO. W. STONE,

Department Commander.

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Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN.
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
LANSING, April 23d, 1912.

IN MEMORIAM.

It is with unfeigned sorrow and regret that the Department Commander announces the death of our late Comrade W. W. Root, medical director of this Department. He departed this life suddenly at his home in Mason, Mich., on the eve of April 20th, 1912.

Comrade Root entered the service August 17, 1862, as assistant surgeon of the 75th N. Y. Infantry. By his skill and devotion to duty he rose to the full rank of Major and Surgeon in charge of the Field Hospital of Custer's famous cavalry division. He served until the close of the war and was mustered out Nov. 18, 1865.

He joined the Grand Army, April 9, 1882, a charter member of Phil McKernan Post No. 53. At the time of his death he was a member of Steel Bros. Post No. 441. He had been elected medical director of this Department eleven times and held that important office at the time of his death.

Comrade Root was an enthusiastic worker in the Grand Army and we will miss his cheerful greetings. He has served us well and has now gone to his reward, and leaves behind a most enviable record as citizen and soldier.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, April 20, 1912.

General Orders, No. 8. Series 1911-12.

First—General Orders No. 6 from National Headquarters accompany these orders. This is in regard to incorporating the Grand Army. I consider this of vital importance to our order, and request that it be read and discussed in every Post, and that you instruct your delegates to the Department Encampment, what action you wish taken in case it is brought before the Encampment. Also General Logan's Order No. 11, to be read on Memorial Day, in compliance with action of the Forty-fifth National Encampment.

Second—The Thirty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, will be held in the city of Port Huron, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 18, 19, and 20th, 1912.

Third—Headquarters of the Department will be located in Parlor B, at Harrington hotel, where all delegates are requested to report and present their credentials, and receive their delegate badges.

Fourth—The following Comrades are appointed, and will constitute the Credential Committee:

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Lansing, Michigan.

Thomas Davey, Post 17, Detroit, Michigan.

Lester J. Kenney, Post 42, Lansing, Michigan.

J. J. Holmes, Post III, Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

Fifth—The Credential committee will meet at headquarters in Harrington hotel, Parlor B, Tuesday, June 18th, at 1:30 p. m., to receive credentials and issue delegate badges.

Sixth—The Executive Committee Council of Administration will meet in Parlor B, at 1:30 p. m., Tuesday, June 18th, for the purpose of examining and auditing the books and accounts of the department officers.

Seventh—The Council of Administration will meet in Parlor B, at 3:30 p. m., Tuesday, June 18th, for the transaction of such business as may properly come before them.

Eighth—The National Countersign, should be in the possession of every delegate before he leaves his home for the Encampment, this is very important.

Ninth—The following is an outline of the work of the Encampment:

Tuesday, June 18th.

Assembling of Comrades, and assignment to quarters. Meeting of Executive Committee, Council of Administration and Committee on Credentials, as noted above. Children's campfire in the evening at the Auditorium, at which the Woman's Relief Corps will present a beautiful silk flag to the schools. Speeches will be made by Comrade Frank McElroy, Department Patriotic Instructor, and other prominent members of G. A. R. and W. R. C.

Wednesday, June 19th.

The Encampment will be called to order at 9 a. m., in the Auditorium, the Mayor of Port Huron will deliver the address of welcome. Also the address of the Department Commander, and reports of the Department Officers will be received.

Parade.

At 1:30 p. m., the annual parade of the Department will take place, to be escorted by the sons of veterans, and a special escort for the Department Commander will be a detail from General A. S. Williams, Fortress No. 1 National Daughters of the G. A. R. The daughters will report in military uniform and will make a fine appearance. The Veterans National Drum Corps will be present and furnish the kind of music that cheers the heart of every old veteran. I have been over the ground, and the committee assure me that the distance will not exceed one-half mile. This distance will enable all old Comrades to participate. Posts are invited to be present at Post organizations where possible with their Post colors. Posts expecting to be present are requested to notify Comrade Frank R. Chase, Chief of Staff, Belding, Michigan. Business session of the Encampment will convene immediately after the parade.

Camp Fire.

On the evening of June 19th, the general camp fire will be held in the Auditorium, the Commander-in-Chief, H. M. Trimble, will deliver the principal address. Brief addresses will be made by other noted speakers.

Friday, June 20th.

The business meeting of the Encampment will continue until the work of the Encampment is completed.

Railroad Rates.

I took up the matter of reduced rates with the Michigan Passengers Association. They refused on the grounds that they would not make reduced rates to any Encampment, Convention or Association. We then took the matter up with the presidents of the different railroads in Michigan, on receipt of their replies, we again went to the Passengers Association filing the president's letters, they again turned us down; it looks to me as though the old veterans must help pay dividends on watered stock and bonds, if there are any. I would advise the Comrades to travel over electric line where they can, as it is cheaper.

Lost Discharges.

A long list of lost discharges have been forwarded to these headquarters, from Adjutant Keller of Post 38 of Saginaw. These discharges, about 50, and a few marriage certificates, are of value to some one. If Comrades having lost their discharges, will send in their names, Regiment and Co. the discharges will be looked over, and if found returned to him.

A Good Suggestion.

Past Commander E. P. Mullenburg of Orcutt Post No. 79, makes the suggestion that each Post in this Department procure a record book and record therein a full military history of each Comrade, I most heartily endorse the suggestion, it will be valuable in years to come.

List of Committees at Port Huron.

Comrades wishing information can write to the following committees. The citizens of Port Huron are doing everything in their power to make the Encampment a success.

Public accommodations and assignment—Chairman C. W. Higgins.

Registration—Chairman Geo. W. Howe.

Reception—Chairman Geo. W. Howe.

List of Hotels.

Name.	Can Accommodate.	Rate.
Harrington (Headquarters).....	100 to 125	\$2.50 to \$3.50 per day.
Union	75 to 100	1.25 to 1.50 per day.
Metropole (European)	30 to 40	.75 to 1.00 per day.
Northwest	25 to 30	1.25 per day.
Messenger	25 to 30	1.25 per day.
Tashmoo	20 to 25	1.50 per day.
Globe	10 to 15	1.00 per day.

Restaurants—There are a number of those whose prices run from \$.25 to \$.35 per meal, and there will also be one or two church societies who will have feeding accommodations. Also the citizens will open their homes for lodging, which will be at the rate of \$.50 per night for each person.

We are assured by the local committee that ample accommodations will be provided for all at reasonable rates, those who desire to secure accommodations in advance will write to C. W. Higgins, chairman of committee on accommodations.

A limited number of Journals of the Rochester Encampment have been received and will be sent to Comrades on receipt of request with 13 cents for postage.

The Commander, Wm. O. Lee, of Wm. Sanborn Post No. 95, will detail a Comrade for Officer of the Day and a Comrade for Officer of the Guard, and a sufficient number of Comrades as Sentinels. The Officer of the Day and Officer of the Guard will report to Assistant Adjutant General for instructions, at the Harrington hotel, 7 p. m., June 18th.

By Command of

GEO. W. STONE,

Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Reunion.

The Annual Reunion of the First Michigan Sharp Shooters will be held in Wm. Sanborn Post room, Port Huron, 1:30 p. m., June 18, 1912.

Information Wanted.

Of John D. D. Perry, late of Co. D, 9th Michigan Infantry, by his wife, Rosine Perry, Cromwell, Indiana, P. O. Box 123. Comrade Perry has not been heard from for nearly 20 years, any information, whether dead or alive will be thankfully received by his wife.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, May 20, 1912.

General Order, No. 9. Series 1911-12.

1. Consolidated Forms, A. and B. for Adjutant and Quartermasters reports for the term ending June 30, 1912, accompany this Order. Also blanks for Chaplain's Memorial Day reports.

Adjutants and Quartermasters will make out their reports in duplicate immediately after the last meeting in June. Sending one copy to these Headquarters, and retaining one copy for file and future reference, by referring to the last report many errors may be avoided. The per capita tax of 12½ cents for every member in good standing must accompany the report.

Many errors creep into reports by deducting members dropped from members in good standing. Dropped members must not be deducted from membership in good standing; only Members Suspended can be deducted. Members cannot be Suspended or dropped only by vote of the Post and after due notice of arrearages has been given in writing by the Quartermaster.

2. Post Chaplains, or Post Adjutants when the Post Chaplain is unable to do so will make out and forward to the Department Chaplain, Lansing, Mich., the Memorial Day reports, doing this immediately after Memorial Day, when all events are fresh in mind.

Flag Day.

3. Friday, June 14th, is Flag Day. Posts should arrange for proper observance of the day wherever possible.

Call upon every Comrade to display the flag and urge upon your neighbors to do the same; let all do honor to Old Glory on that day.

4. Comrades are reminded that on June 18, 19 and 20 the Department Encampment will be held in Port Huron. Let every Post of the Department be represented, there is important work to be attended to.

5. The Forty-sixth National Encampment meets in Los Angeles, California, Sept. 9-14. Headquarters for the Department of Michigan, will be at the Hollenbeck Hotel. All arrangements as to route, fare, etc., will be made as soon after the Port Huron Encampment as possible.

From inquiries received the indications are there will be a large attendance from this state.

Pensions.

6. You are to be congratulated on the recent passage of the New Pension law. This means much to the Comrades of this Department, of the \$25,000,000 increase, Michigan will receive \$1,200,000. Let us show our appreciation of this glorious work by rallying to the support of every Post in the Department.

7. Your Department Commander wishes to express in this, his last General Order to the Comrades of this Department, his grateful appreciation of the kindly expressions of friendship and many acts of Comradeship, received during his term of office now so soon to close.

He has endeavored to do his duty to the entire Department, and hopes "He has in a measure succeeded."

By Command of

GEO. W. STONE,

Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Assistant Adjutant General.

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